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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year!! and **welcome to our tenth year of publication.** Thank you for your continued support of *The Southside Virginian.* We hope that the features we have planned for 1992 will continue to provide you with the information you need in your research endeavors.

We have had very good response to the questionnaire which was included with the renewal notice for 1992. You may rest assured that we will take all of your comments seriously as we plan the future of *The Southside Virginian.* As we have said before, we are here to serve the needs of our subscribers. Obviously, each individual subscriber has his own needs and desires when it comes to magazine content. We will try and balance those factors as best we can, to the benefit of the majority of our readers.

An example of the diversity of responses is that several of you expressed that you did not like the short articles about computers, while others said that was one of the best features, and wanted more. Our goal, of course, is to publish genealogical and historical records pertinent to Southside Virginia counties. However, we feel that any topic which will aid you in your use of those materials is appropriate for publication. We will try to limit these and not get into any lengthy topics.

The response to our pre-publication offer for the *Indexes and Table of Contents to Vols I - VIII* has been excellent. We will be shipping these to purchasers in early March. For those of you who have not yet ordered your copy, the price is $24.50 plus $3.50 shipping (Virginia residents add 4.5% tax). This will make an excellent gift to your local genealogical/historical society or library.

We need your help. If there are unpublished records in your counties of interest which you would like to see published in *The Southside Virginian*, please drop us a note describing them and where they may be found. We want to print the material most beneficial to our subscribers, and this is one way you can assist us.

We want to thank those of you who have recently submitted queries. Your attention to the necessary limitations on the size and quantity of your submittals and to their legibility is gratifying. This allows us to publish more queries in each issue and to print them in a more timely and accurate fashion. We do not want to discourage you from submitting queries. We feel that this is a valuable tool when used properly. We would like to hear from those of you who have had success with queries we have published.

Thank you again for your continued patronage. We look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Hooper, Publications Manager

BOOK REVIEWS

Priscilla Harriss Cabell, ***Turff & Twigg, The French Lands.*** Volume I. 468 pp, cloth, illus, maps, index, 1988. $60.00, postpaid. VA residents add $2.70 sales tax. A study of ten thousand acres donated by King William III to the French refugees who settled at Manakintown on the southern bank of the James River in the colony of Virginia in 1700. Not only does the author identify the original French refugee patentees of this land, but also places each parcel of land on an enduring and detailed map of the area. There is a narrative account of each of the patentees, giving his place of origin and settlement in the Virginia colony, as well as details of his family and his activities. Following this is a detailed account of the progression in ownership of his patents. The material is well documented with primary sources; but also offers insight concerning inferences drawn from the records concerning possible relationships (always so noted). Anyone interested in any of these French immigrants, or in the land they held will find this a handsome and informative addition to their library. **Priscilla H Cabell, P O Box 17091, Richmond, VA 23226.**

June Banks Evans, ***Lunenburg County, Virginia, Land Taxes, 1782-1787.*** 68 pp, indexed, 8½ x 11, paper. 1990. $16.00, postpaid. Ms Evans has contributed a number of books, abstracting the county deeds of Lunenburg County, and presenting the U S Census for the years 1810-1860, as well as a number of other publications. This book, abstracting the land tax records is a welcome addition for genealogists who are interested in searching the Lunenburg County records. She has presented a list of land owners and the amount of land owned, for the year of 1782; listed the alterations in landownership and the amount of land involved for the years 1783-1786, and then a complete listing for 1787. It is also of great value that she has presented the listings as they appear in the land tax records, both as to district, order of listing and any notations made. **Bryn Ffyliaid Publications, 5600 Bellaire Dr [FGS], New Orleans, LA 70124.**

Michael F Doran, ***Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634-1895.*** viii, 61 pp, 11 x 17, heavy paper. 1987. $17.95, $2.50 shipping. This is a welcome addition to understanding the formation and progression of the counties of the colony of Virginia and the later Commonwealth of Virginia. It is very helpful to be able to visualize the geographic entities in any given time period. Two-color maps cover the growth of Virginia counties for each decade beginning in 1634 and ending with the last county formed in West Virginia in 1895. With the *Atlas* a researcher can locate in exactly which county an ancestor lived by checking the appropriate time period. This publication is a valuable tool, as well as a handsome addition to the researcher's library. **Iberian Publishing Co, 548 Cedar Creek Dr, Athens, GA 30605.**

The following may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Co, 1001 N Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202.** Shipping is $2.50 for the first book and $1.00 for each additional book on the same order. Payment may be made by Mastercard or Visa. 1-800-727-6687.

Nell Marion Nugent, ***Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666.*** (Volume I) 767 pp, illus, indexed, cloth. (1934), reissued 1991. $40.00. It is exciting to find that this much-sought-after book has been reissued! Many researchers must have tried recently, by any means, to find a copy for their own personal use, but in vain. While this book is of interest to all researchers of early Virginia ancestors, for the readers of *The Southside Virginian*, this book is an

indispensable reference in identifying the origins of early Southside Virginia ancestors. *Cavaliers and Pioneers* contains abstracts of land records dating from 1623 to 1666. In paragraph form, under the full name of the patentee, it records the earliest Virginia land grants and patents, with locations, dates of settlement and names of family members, and often refers to relationships, estates, etc. It further includes the names of thousands of headrights claimed by the land patentees. It is the primary reference of immigration to Virginia in the seventeenth century. When one obtains this book, it then becomes imperative to secure Volumes II and III.

Robert K Headley Jr, ***Genealogical Abstracts from 18th-Century Virginia Newspapers***. xxii, 470 pp, indexed, cloth. 1987. $28.50. This book has been an exciting find for this researcher. Mr Headley has abstracted genealogical information from over 7,000 issues of eighty 18th-century Virginia newspapers, a number of them covering information concerning the burned record counties. He has used the notices concerning marriages, deaths, estate sales and settlements and court cases. The exciting finds include: the name of the plantation owned by an 18th-century ancestor, in a burned record county, and the location identified because the plantation exists today! Also found were the place of residence of an ancestor, along with additional land holdings, at the time of his death; and thus his will and estate settlement. With the items listed alphabetically by the name of the individual (with all of the names indexed), it has been easy to discover several dozen relevant entries.

Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck, ***Virginia's Colonial Soldiers***. 443 pp, indexed, cloth. 1988, Second printing 1990. $30.00. Mr Bockstruck has done an outstanding job of identifying and assembling the names and information of the early Virginia colonial militia. The militia was established by law as a defense of the colonists against Indian attacks and invasion by hostile powers. The records of those citizens who participated are scattered and incomplete. For this reason this book is a prized source of information to genealogists in identifying a particular person, placing him as to time and residence. The author has covered the periods of the militia from the time of inception in each county, where information could be obtained. This is a **must** reference book.

CORRECTIONS

William Foreman of Surry County — *The following is a correction to the article published in this magazine in Vol. IX No. 1, p.4, contributed by Mary Lee Barnes. Please make the notation in your magazine.*

Alice Marriot, age 32, made an affidavit...in 1677...

Surry County Records Book II, p.149.
Submitted by Andrea K. Storm, 703 N E 109th Ct. Portland, OR 97220.

Birth of a Surname

Submitted by Maj. David T. Johnston

Among the surnames in use today which may be traced to the early Southside Virginia MANGUM family is that of MANGREM. Other variations found in early Virginia and Tennessee records include MANGAM, MANGRAM, and MANGRUM. This article traces the origin of the MANGREM variant spelling to Littleberry MANGREM of Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee. Early 19th century county record keepers often used phonetic spelling, especially for new or unknown surnames, as conventional spelling in many cases had not been established. However, our ancestors themselves may have adopted a particular spelling for their own surname. If authentic signatures in our ancestor's own handwriting can be found we may discover the spelling they adopted and passed on to later generations. Such is the case with Littleberry MANGREM.

According to surviving Bible records, Littleberry was the son of Briton MANGUM, of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. [a] Littleberry was born September 22, 1779, probably in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. His father, Briton, was born September 31, 1747 [*sic*], according to surviving Isle of Wight County Mill Swamp Baptist Church records. [b] His mother has not been identified. His father's estate inventory was returned on December 5, 1782. [c] No land or substantial personal property, such as negroes, was included in the inventory of Briton's estate. This may explain why no guardianship records have been found among those surviving for the period, which would identify his children. Guardianship records have been found for Briton's brother, Richard, whose estate was ordered inventoried in 1795. [d] Both brothers died intestate, but Richard was a land holder. The laws of Virginia required a legal guardian to be appointed to safeguard the minor

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[a] "G.W.C. Mangrem (letter) to sons Billy and George Mangrem, 15 Oct 1880, Santa Fe, Maury Co., TN, Copperas Cove, Coryell Co., TX. Owner (1983) Judy (Mrs. Howell) Morrison, Rt. 1, Box 362, Clarksville, TN 37040. Family record in letter appears to have been copied from a Bible Record. The letter appears authentic, and the family record, dim with age, unaltered. Photocopy sent to writer from owner.

[b] "A Register of the ages of Several Persons Children", Mill Swamp Church, Isle of Wight 1777-1790, *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly Bulletin*, Volume 5, Number 4, p. 88.

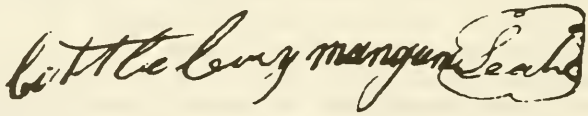
[c] Isle of Wight County *Will Book 9*, p. 178.

[d] Isle of Wight County *Order Book 1795-1797*, p. 502.

heirs' share of their father's estate during their minority. It has been assumed by myself and others that Littleberry, and any brothers and/or sisters he may have had, were raised by their uncle, Henry MANGUM, Jr, who moved from Isle of Wight County to the section of Brunswick County which was annexed in 1788 to Greensville County, Virginia.

It is, however, just as likely that Briton's children may have been reared by their mother and step-father, whomever they were. It is not known if Briton's wife survived him, remained a widow, or remarried. This uncertainty lends itself to supposing Henry MANGUM, Jr, raised Littleberry in his own household, for it is in the same county of Henry Jr.'s, residence, Greensville County, Virginia, that Littleberry first appears on the personal property tax rolls in 1803, in the household of Isham MANGUM. [e] Littleberry also married in Greensville County, Virginia, in 1807. [f] Henry, Isham, and Littleberry all moved to Maury County, Tennessee, before 1810. [g] If Littleberry was raised by his own mother and step-father as postulated, then it follows that he moved, either with or without his mother and family, from nearby Isle of Wight County, before 1803.

The first record of Littleberry as an adult appears in Greensville County in 1801 when he served as bondsman for the marriage of Hamlin ALLEN and Sylvia LANIER. [h] Reproduced below is a photocopy of his signature on the original bond on file in the Richmond Archives (Greensville County, 1801 folder, loose original marriage bonds). This provides our first reference point. The handwriting looks much like that of a child, and in fact, the surname MANGUM is much darker on the original and appears to be possibly in someone else's handwriting. Perhaps the quill was dipped in ink between the first name and last:



1801 Signature from Greensville County Marriage Bond.

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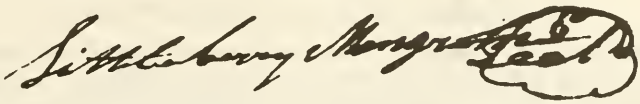
[e] 1803 Tax List (Personal Property), Greensville County, Microfilm Collection, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, VA. N. pag.

[f] John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr, *Greensville County Marriages, 1781-1853*, (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1989) p. 47.

[g] While the 1810 Census for Maury Co., TN, has been lost, a complete review of the Personal Tax records of Greensville and Brunswick Counties, Virginia in Richmond indicate that by 1810 all three had removed from these Virginia counties and were not taxed.

[h] Vogt, p. 8.

The next available sample of Littleberry's handwriting appears on his marriage bond six years later in 1807. At that time he was 27 years old. The signature is reproduced below for reference:



1807 Signature on his Marriage Bond

Note here the surname is spelled MANGREM. Attached to the loose bond is a permission slip which appears to have been written and signed by Clary JOURDAN, stating she was of legal age and declaring her willingness "...that Littlebury MANGREM should get lycense to mary me [*sic*]. [i]" Her use of phonetic spelling is noticeable, but her spelling of MANGREM is clear and unmistakable. The second sample appears so different as to suggest it might be the handwriting of another man of the same name. That possibility, however, has been ruled out due to the absence of proof of any other person of that name in the county at the time. The Greensville County Personal Property and Real Property Tax Rolls are available, and only one Littleberry MANGUM is listed on those rolls during the years 1801 through 1807. The remaining possibility is that during this period Littleberry obtained some form of an education and had become literate. During his lifetime he was a merchant, operating a mercantile business in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee. That he became a successful merchant, and not a full-time farmer, also seems to indicate that he may have had an educational advantage over many of his peers.

The final sample of his handwriting was found on his loose original will filed in the Maury County, Tennessee, Clerk of Court's office. [j] At the time of writing, Littleberry was 63 years old and not as steady of hand as he had been in younger years. As was often the case, wills were not drafted and signed until the testator thought the end was near, and Littleberry may have been quite ill. He died on 13 September, just three days after the codicil was added on 10 September. Note the signature below:

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[i] Greensville County, *Loose Original Marriage Bonds*, 1807 folder, Littleberry Mangrem Bond, Virginia State Archives, VA. Permission slip is attached to original bond.

[j] Maury County, Tennessee, Clerk of Court Office, Columbia, TN. Loose Original Will dated 29 August 1843, with codicil dated 10 Sept 1843. On the reverse of the loose original is written "Recorded in Will Book 3, pp. 535-536."

1843 Signature on his Last Will and Testament.

The final evidence indicating that Littleberry adopted the MANGREM variant spelling of the MANGUM surname is provided on his tombstone in Greewood Cemetery, in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee, which reads Littleberry MANGREM. A note of interest is in order here. The dates for Littleberry and those for his wife, Clary JOURDAN MANGREM, are reversed! The birth and death dates on Littleberry's tombstone are actually those for his wife Clary, and the dates on her stone match those given in the family Bible for Littleberry. The fact that his will was not even made until 1843 rules out the 1837 death date on his stone. Comparing dates from the tombstones to those recorded in the Bible record makes apparent the error.

This is the first case in my experience that I have been able to piece together actual handwriting samples preserved among loose original records and successfully trace the birth of a surname.

Maj. David T. Johnston may be reached at 879 Yorkshire Lane, Newport News, VA 23602.

Formation of the Christian Church

The following two markers are located at a site 1½ miles west of Surry courthouse on the south side of State Rt. 10.

K 236

Organization of the Christian Church

At "Old Lebanon Church" here, the Christian Church was established under the leadership of James O'Kelly, August, 1794. O'Kelly had withdrawn from the Methodist Church, 1792.

The above is on a metal Virginia State Historical Marker located on a post next to the highway.

This monument marks the site of Lebanon Church where the founders of the Christian Church, who had declared for religious liberty and accepted the bible as their only creed, on August 4, 1794, adopted the name Christian to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names.

Erected by
The Southern Christian Convention
in 1927

The above is engraved on a bronze plaque mounted on a granite monument which marks the site of Old Lebanon Church.

Will of John Limbrey, 1712

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

In the name of God. amen. I John Limbrey of Prince George County and in Waynock parrish being very weak in body but of perfectt sence and memory thanks be too God for the Same Do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following

Imprimis I remmitt my Soul too allmighty God who Gave itt trusting in the meritt and mediattion of Jesus Christ. for pardon off all my Sins and too for Joy ablessed and Glorious Etternitty and my Body too bee decentely Buried att the descrettion of my Executrix hereafter named, and as for that worldly estate itt hath pleased God too bless mee with I Give and bequeath as followeth; first I will that all my Debts and funerall charges shall bee paid and discharged.

Item I Give and bequeath untto my Daughtr Mary Wilkins ten Shellings too buy her a Ring together with what she has allready had of mee being in full of what I have assigned for her portion both personall and Reall.

Item I Give and bequeath untto my Daughtr Rebecak the third part of my personall Estate

Item I Give and bequeath untto my said Daughter Rebecah the plantation whereon I now live with a Certain percell of Land thereto belonging bounded as follloweth (*Viz*)= beginning att a dividing line made between Capt John Taylor decd and [*blot on page*] maine River East, thence West in too the wood along the said line to a [*blot on page*] Corner tree on the Southside of the first maine Slack thence South tweenty degrees East too a Corner Gum tree thence west fourty degrees, South too a Corner [*blot on page*] on the [word marked through] head of a valley thence down that valley too a branch, thence [*blot on page*] branch too the mouth thereof in the Creek called Snows Creek, thence down [blot on page] too the maine creek called Flower=de=hundred Creek, thence down the Said Creek to the mouth of a branch knowns by the name of Maple Point branch thence up the water course of the said branch too the head thereof, too a gum marktt four ways in Ladeing Snelos[?] Creek thence up a maine valley to a white oak [*illegible*] thence East tweenty one degrees and a half [*blot on page*] River too the place where is [*illegible and also a blot on page*] one hundred and thirty eight acres of Land being more or less to her the said Rebecak Limbrey and her heirs for Ever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughtr Elizabeth Limbrey the third part of my personall Estate

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughtr Elizabeth Limbrey a plantation that [*illegible word*] Thomas Smith Lately lived on in the County of prince George and in the parrish of Waynock. bounded as followeth [*Viz*]=Beginning att a Corner white oak tree thence Standing on the South Side of a maine Slack about half a mile from the River in the Dividing Line between Capt John Taylor decd and myself thence South tweenty eight degrees, East too a Corner Gum Thence west forty Degrees South to a branch and down that branch too the mouth thereof in the head of Snow Creek and over the Said Creek by the South Side too the head thereof too the head line of Flower=de=hundred nortly along the said line too a Corner line marktt four ways itt being the said dividing line before mentioned between Capt Taylor and myself thence down the said line too the place there it begun itt being by me judged to bee one hundred Thirty and nine acres of Land bee itt more or Less too her the Said Elizabeth Limbrey and her heirs for Ever.

Item the true intent and meaning of this my will in Dividing my Personall Estate is too bee understood as follow (*Viz*) that my Executrix and my two Daughtrs shall according to the apprassments thereof Divide ye goods and beds of Every Desc. as nigh as such a case can be reasonably Expected and whereas my Loving wife Elizabeth Limbrey hath in her power to hold the third of the Land now willed by mee too my Said daughtrs I doo Request and Desier her to manage her Said thirds that shee may nott thereby cause any impedement or hinderance too my Said Daughtrs Seating on their severall parcells of Land afore mentioned all the rest of my Personall Estate goods and Chattles, whatsoever I doo give and bequeath untto my Loving wife Elizabeth Limbry full and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, and I doo hereby revoke disannull and make void all former wills and testaments by mee heretofore made In Witness my hand and Seale this one and thirtieth Day of october in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seaven hundred and twelve=

Signed Sealed and Declared too bee
the Last Will and Testament of
The Said John Limbry in the presance *John Limbrey=*
of *John Wilkins*
Fran. Wilkins
Edward Prince

Prince George County Court Tuesday the 12th Jany 1713

Elizabeth ye relict & Ex^{x} of Jno. Limbry decd. brings into Court ye above written last will and Testamt of ye sd decd. [*blot on page, then words scratched through*] proved by ye Oath of all ye Wittnesses Thereto is submitted to record & Certifycate accordingly Grantd ye sd. Ex^{x} for Obtaining a Prob in Due forme.

Teste E Goodrich D ClC

Prince George County *Deeds, Wills, Etc, 1710-1713, Book B*, pp.264-265.

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Loose Wills of Prince George County before 1865

Abstracted by Anne Bradbury Peebles

Conclusion — Continued from Vol. IX No. 4, pp 156-161

During the War Between the States in the summer of 1864, the courthouse at Prince George was burned, and along with it most of the early records of the county court. Some individuals, who resided in the county and knew of the disaster, brought their copies of some of these vital records to the courthouse to be recorded. Anne Bradbury Peebles went through the packets of loose papers and abstracted and indexed these wills, marriage bonds and other papers so that the information would be available to the public. She listed those wills and marriage bonds for the years before 1865, noting that only one will predated 1800.

1855, 12 April — Probate of the will of Archibald Eppes of Pr. Geo. Dated 27 April 1849. Wife Rebecca M. Eppes. Daughter, Ann E. Mallory, and her children. Friend Robertson Eppes Exr.

Signed

No witnesses

Probated by Robertson Eppes

1855, 11 Jan. — Probate of the will of John Pierson. Dated 17 Sept 1852. Wife Parthena Pierson my lot at City Point where-on I now live, purchased of Mr William G. Birchett. Mr Archibald Drewry Exr.

Signed with mark, *X*

Witnesses: Wm. G. Birchett
A. R. Shands
W. S. Simpson, Jr.

Proved by the first and last witnesses, only.

1855, 8 Nov. — Probate of the will of Sally Stackhouse of Pr. Geo. To sister Rosa Stackhouse the plantation on which I live. Dated 12 October 1855.

Signed mark

Witness: Robert Harrison

Will is *also* signed by J. T. Cummings.

1856, 10 April Probate of the will of Elizabeth C. Smith. Dated 9 December, 1855. Bequests to Sarah R. and Virginia A. Smith, daughters of my brother-in-law, William Smith. Balance of estate to William T., James E., Sarah R., Virginia A., children of said brother-in-law, jointly. Said balance consisted of slaves, a bond of $1000, etc. My old woman Esther to be especially provided for and attended to by my Exr. Friend Williamson Simmons Exr.

Signed with mark, *X*

Witnesses: John D. Moore
William E. Baird
Williamson Simmons

The Executorship of Williamson Simmons was contested by Larkin Smith. Probate granted to Williamson Simmons as Exr, he giving bond in the sum of $15,000 with William Gee, Thos. H. Daniel and Peter C. Marks his securities.

1856, 10 July Final proof and probate granted, will of Daniel B. Fenn. Dated 19 November 1852. Wife Priscilla given $2000 and loaned household furnishings, carriage, etc, for life. Also all landed estates. After her death, slaves to be loaned to nephew John W. Gurley: those born before 1850, and those born after 1850 until the males shall be 28 yrs. and the females 25 yrs. After the death of the said John W. Gurley, I give all slaves born before 1850 to his children if he leave any, and those born after 1850 to them in the same way. If he die with no child, the slaves to be loaned to my other nephew, James J. Butts, for life ...[*similar details*]. [*This last name also written as James W. Butts.*] Remainder of estate of every kind to two nephews, John W. Gurley and James J. Butts, to be equally divided. Friends Richard H. Williams and Thomas H. Daniel, and my nephew John W. Gurley, Exrs.

Signed, *Daniel B. Fenn*

Witnesses: John J. Crawford
Thomas A. Farley

Codicil dated April 2, 1856, changing the date 1850 to 1856, throughout will. Probate granted to Richard H. Williams and Thomas H. Daniel on their giving bond in the sum of $80,000, with Peter C. Marks and Peter Birchett their securities.

1857, 9 Nov. Probate of the will of Elizabeth Cocke. Dated 9 November 1840, at Alexandria, Va. Funds in Alexandria to support

Anne Nicholson and Pamela Hunt. Mention of Henry Hunt and Charles Hunt. Son James Cocke. His son, Thomas Cocke, left my ground rents in the city of Baltimore, also furniture and plate at my residence, Tar Bay, in Prince George, to him, his wife Martha, and his son Thomas. [*Will is very confused. The last bequest is apparently to son James, not to grandson.*]

Signed, *Elizabeth Cocke*

Witnesses: R. M. Minor
H. H. Minor
A. G. Minor

1857, 12 Nov. Probate of the will of Ann Whitmore. Dated 30 August 1857. Bequests to: Son, Benjamin E. Newell; granddaughter, Sarah A. N. Newell. Remainder of estate to be sold (except my three slaves) and after my debts paid, to my three children, Benjamin E. Newell, Elizabeth C. Newell, and Catharine R. Hobbs. The slaves to be divided among my 3 children.

Signed with mark, *X*

Matthew W. Raney, Exr.
Witnesses: John S. Hobbs
W. D. Burrow
M. W. Raney

The Executor named in the will refused to serve. George W. Butts, "D.S.", given administration with the will annext, on his furnishing security in the sum of $2500. Thomas H. Daniel and J. Boisseau his securities.

1858, 13 May Probate of the will of Joel Simmons. Dated 5 March 1858. After debts paid, remainder of estate to wife, Nancy G. Simmons for life, then to my five children: John H, 1/5; Jane E. G. Clary, 1/5; James T, 1/5; Joanna Simmons, 1/5; and Adelaide R. Simmons, 1/5. Sons John H. and James T. Exrs.

Signed with mark, *X*

Witnesses: M. T. V. Jennings
Williamson Simmons
John T. Livesay

1858, Sept. Ct. Probate of the will of Samuel Wamack, of Broadway, Pr. Geo. County. Dated 3 April 1858. Wife Sally all estate for life, then land and persona estate to be sold and equally

divided between my children. Wife Exr. and she to give bond [*not to*] sell any property....

Signed.

Witnesses: Charles T. Livesay
Marius Gilliam

1859, April Ct. Probate of the will of Stith Wilkerson of Pr. Geo. Dated 27 March 1859. Wife Martha Wilkerson entire estate for life or widowhood, then equally divided among my seven children, namely: Alpha A. R. Haddon, Mary Jane, Talemacus Leath, Emet Stith, Joseph Franklin, Edward Throston, Algernon Wiley. If wife marry, she to have her thirds, and balance equally to children. Wife Exr, without security.

Signed mark

Witnesses: Henry E. Leath
William B. Daniel
Collin A. T. Mattox

1859, ____ Probate of the will of Thomas W. Harrison. Dated Jan. 13 1859. Wife Mary. Sons, Mitchel Thomas and Alpheus Marshall. Our two youngest sons, Oliver Page and Otway Jackson. Son Cornelius. Three daughters, Lucy Ann, Elvira, Hariet. I request Mr Nathaniel C. Cocke to take charge of the money for wife. Brother Alexander Harrison Executor.

Signed, *T. W. Harrison*

Witnesses: Dirley [?] Whitmore
Nathl. C. Cocke

Mary Harrison renounced right of executorship. George W. Butts was given administration with the will annexed, with Alfred Butts, Sr, and Thomas H. Daniel his securities in the sum of $4000.

1860, 10 May Probate of the will of William Shands. Dated August 3 1851. To William B. Shands and Sarah J. C. Shands, all the debt of their mother out of my right in the land conveyed by Deed of Trust to the College of William and Mary, to be equally divided between them.

Signed

No witnesses

His handwriting proved by Timothy Rives and Thomas H. Daniel, and will admitted to probate.

1860, 13 Sept. Probate of the will of James Aldridge. Dated 20 August 1857. Daughter Mary Ann Louisa Roberts given five negroes, they to be entirely free from debts and control of her present or any future husband, and at her death they and their future increase to be equally divided among her then living children and descendants of such as may be dead. Also to her 100 a. land from the southern side of my present residence, the land subject to same conditions as the slaves. Residue of estate to wife Mary for life. At her death or if she marry, to be equally divided between her two daughters, Elizabeth and Parthena. If any money on hand, to be equally divided between wife and my said two daughters, Elizabeth and Parthena. Wife Exr.

Signed mark

Witnesses: R. K. Meade
John Jackson
H. E. Meade

Mary Aldridge the widow, refused to serve as Exr. Dr. George E. Reves was given administration with the will annext, he giving security in the sum of $20,000 with A. E. C. Reves and John H. Reves his securities. The will was proved by the last witness, H. E. Meade, and the signature of R. K. Meade was proved by R. R. Collier and James M. Donnan.

Teste: D. D. Butts, Dep. Clk.

1861, 14 May Probate of the will of James Knox Walthall. Dated 9 Jan 1861. All estate, real and personal, to mother. She Exx, and not to give security.

Signed

Witnesses: Marius Gilliam
Rupert Church

Probate granted to Elizabeth T. Walthall, the Exx. Both witnesses proved it.

1861, 12 Sept. Probate of the will of Travis H. Williams, alias Travis H. Wamack, of Pr. Geo. Dated 3 Sept 1850. Wife Rozena Williams to be loaned all real estate for life or widowhood, to be kept together for her support and the support of my children as long as they choose to remain with her. If she prefers to take what the law allows a widow, my Exr. to sell the entire estate, and divide balance of it among my children. If she marry or die, all estate to be sold and

divided among children living at that time. Children not named but all under age. Wife Exx, and friend John D. Matthews Exr.

Signed, *Travis H. Williams*
alias *Travis H. Wamack.*

Witnesses: Wm R. Browder
Wm P. Birchett
John D. Matthews

Proved by last witness, and further proved on 14 Nov. 1861 by Wm R. Bowden, and probate granted.

Abstractor's Note: *May, 1955*

The loose wills at the Court House in Prince George were listed by this compiler ten or fifteen years ago. The abstracting of wills and marriage bonds for this compilation was done in the summer of 1954, and rechecked a short time ago. Two wills formerly there are not there now.

It seems well to record the fact that they were there. They were the wills of:

R. G. Dunn, probated 1840
Patsey Gilliam, probated 1829

A.B.P.

Miscellaneous:

1826, 27 Oct. Indenture between Thomas P. Cocke and Edward H. Neblett, Overseers of the Poor of Pr. George Co, and William J. Bishop. Articles of indenture, binding out Mark Ruff, a free boy of color, to the said Bishop, to be taught the "mystery" of a farmer. The boy age 13, to serve until he is 21.

Signed by the three parties to the indenture. Witnesses but their names are indecipherable.

1839, 8 Nov. Assignment of inheritance. Nancy Harvill, wife of Richard Harvill, decd, certifies that she has made over and sold her right in estate of her deceased husband to her children, namely: Dela W. Harvill, Peter Harvill, Laborn Harvill, Margett Harvill the wife of Calvin E. Harvill, Eddymony Magee the wife of Mial J. Magee, Allen Harvill and Nancy E. Harvill.

Witnesses: Joseph Magee
James R. Magee
Dukes E. Harvill

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Halifax County Court Papers, 1773 — 1781

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Halifax County June Court 1781

Justices Present Jno. O. Tunstall, James Coleman, John Coleman & Marmaduke Stanfield, Gent.

William Terry, Gent. is allowed (as one of the Commissioners of the Specific Tax of this County) for his services in said Office, for House Rent for Storage of the Same and for one Quire of Paper the Sum of Two thousnad seven hundred and forty-five pounds Current Money... a Duplicate of which Certificate has been deliver'd the said William... 25th September 1781.

Teste H. Goare D CHC

Halifax County August Court 1781

Justices Present James Bates, Jno. O. Tunstall, Mat. Sims, Wm Terry & Fleming Bates, Gent.

William MCraw [*sic*] is allowed (as one of the Commissioners of the Specific Tax of this County) for his services in the said Office, for House Rent for Storage of the same and for one Quire of Paper the sum of Two thousand and forty-five Pounds Current Money... a Duplicate of which Certificate has been deliver'd the said William MCraw... 25th September 1781.

Teste H. Goare D CHC

Halifax County September Court 1781

George Watkins is appointed Guardian in general to Elizabeth Hoskins orphan of Samuel Hoskins deceased, he giving Security,

whereupon he together with Joseph Collins his security enter'd into and acknowledged Bond for the same according to Law...

A Copy *Teste*
H. Goare D CHC

Justices present Jno. O. Tunstall, Mat. Sims } James Coleman, Elijah Hunt } William Terry } Gent.

Halifax County October Court 1781

James Hoskins is appointed Guardian in general to Elizabeth Hoskins Orphan of Samuel Hoskins deceased, he giving Security, whereupon he together with Joseph Collins his security enter'd into and acknowledged Bond for the same according to Law...

A Copy *Teste*
H. Goare D CHC

Justices present James Bates, James Coleman } Edmund King, William Terry } Gent.

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St. John's Church — Hampton
Cruciform design built in 1727 by Henry Carey.
Belfry added in 1762

Pages from a Nottoway County Court Record Book, 1850

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

The following is a photocopy of the front and back of an original page that apparently had been taken from a Nottoway County record book many years ago; folded and saved with some personal papers. When found it was presented to the Virginia State Library. At the top of the page the notation had been made on the original page: "The will of a Southerner in the time of slavery".

Editor's note: This entry is a continuation from the preceeding page.

Know all men by these presents that we Giles A Miller, Anderson P Miller & John H Knight are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just & full sum of sixty thousand dollars to which payment will and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty~

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said Giles A Miller executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Nelson decd shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office or trust then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force

Giles A Miller {Seal}
A P Miller Jr {Seal}
John H Knight {Seal}

In Nottoway County Court the 7th of November 1850

This bond was entered into & acknowledged by the obligation thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Francis Fitzgerald C

Editor's Note: The Will of Spencer Thomas.

In the name of God Amen I Spencer Thomas of the County of Nottoway being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (to wit)

First item, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel S Thomas; the following negroes, Ned, Gabriel, Anderson, Patram, and Lucindy and their present and future increase

Second item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary L White the following negroes Ellick, Partrick, John, Peggy and Elizabeth with their present and future increase to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

Third item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorotha A Thomas and to my son Peter S Thomas the balance of my negroes and their present and future increase to be equally divided between them but should either or both of them die without lawful heir or heirs, then it is my wish & desire that hers or his portion should resort back to my estate and be equally divided between my surviving children, but should either or all of them be dead then I give it to the lawfull heirs of their bodies My daughter Dorothy A Thomas portion of the negroes which I have given her with their present and future increase I give them to her and to the lawful heirs of her body, but should she die without lawful heirs of her body then in that case to be disposed of as devised above_

I give to my daughter Dorotha A Thomas and to my son Peter S Thomas a good bed and furniture to be paid for out of my estate__ It is my wish and desire that my land and the balance of my estate be sold, and the money arising from the sale be equally divided between my children but should either or all of them be dead then in that case to be disposed of as directed in the different clauses of my will. It is my wish and desire that all of my just debts be paid out my estate. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty

Spencer Thomas {Seal}

Witness
Robert W Thomas
John Farley
Bushrod W Thomas

In Nottoway County Court the 7th of November 1850

This last will and testament of Spencer Thomas decd was offered for proof and was proven by the oaths of Robert W Thomas & Bushrod W Thomas two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. and on the motion of Samuel Thomas administration on the estate was granted him (there being no executor named in the will) with the will annexed, and thereupon the said Samuel Thomas with security entered into & acknowledged a bond conditioned according to law, a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form

Teste Francis Fitzgerald C

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel S Thomas John H Knight Daniel H Robertson Robert W Thomas Leonidas Hawkes are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of twenty thousand dollars to which payment will & truly to be [*line in fold of paper, illegible*] jointly & severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of Nov 1850

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Samuel S Thomas administrator with the last will and testatment of Spencer Thomas deceased annexed, shall faithfully discharge the duties of his said office or trust then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force

Samuel S Thomas {Seal}
John H Knight {Seal}
D H Robertson {Seal}
Robt W Thomas {Seal}
Leonidas A Hawkes {Seal}

In a Nottoway County Court the 7th of November 1850

This bond was entered into & acknowledged in open court by all the obligars thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Francis Fitzgerald C

An Inventory & appraisement of the estate of Caleb D Pollard made on the 8th of October & 4th of November 1850, shown us by Leonidas A Hawkes the administrator—

Editor's Note: *The inventory includes 26 slaves (named below) valued at $11,525. The total of the items listed on the page amounted to $12,352.87 and the balance was carried forward to the next page.*

Slaves named: Tinsley, Jeffrey, Henry, Richard, George, Levi, Sumer, Livy, Lewis, Fanny, Catherine, Hannah, Amy, Albert, Mary, Rachael, Martha, Louisa, Viney, Ann, Ellen, Sally, Prudence, Nancy, Henry.

Nottoway County Court Records, Wills, Accession No. 32034, VSL; Will, 1850, pp 145-146.

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"Woodsons"

Submitted by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

On the way to Henricus, an exciting discovery was made. After inaccurate directions to Henricus Historical Park, and a long drive on County Rd 618 (one proceeds west from Hopewell on State Route 10, to reach CR 618, north), a fork in the road appeared. The left fork was identified with a sign and arrow, "Meadowville Farm". As a curious traveller, this road was followed. The woods opened into a large farm and cultivated fields. The James River appeared at the end of the road, along with all of the farm buildings. It was especially interesting to see a very large and architecturally unusual house with many large dependancies. A contemporary house brought contrast to the scene. There was a sweeping view of the James, with no industrial intrusions, unusual for that area. Later, to gain insight concerning the farm, the authorative *Chesterfield County, Early Architecture and Historic Sites*, Jeffery M. O'Dell, 1983, Chesterfield County, Virginia. pp 260-261, was consulted. The old "Meadowville" home dates back to c.1888, and was built by Edward Barney. When Mr Barney bought the farm it contained 2,200 acres, and was one of the two largest farms in Chesterfield County at that time. The original name for this tract appears to have been "Woodsons". In *Tidewater Virginia Families,* VLH Davis, (1989 ed, p 471, 1990 ed, p 415) the plantation of Tarleton Woodson in Chesterfield County was identified as lying between Hopewell and Dutch Gap. He was living there before 1750 (Valentine Papers, Vol 3, p 2053) and died there in in 1771 (Chesterfield Co *Order Book 3*, p 399; *Will Book 1*, p 496). This further information definitively places the plantation of Tarleton Woodson, first known as "Neck of Land", across the river from Varina, and with a magnificant view of the James. It was here that he was able to load his tobacco for transportation by the river, and was also able to receive goods from distant ports. He left the plantation to his son, Charles Woodson.

Henricus Historical Park lies at the end of County Rd 732/615 at Dutch Gap. After proceeding west from Hopewell on State Route 10, one turns north on CR 732. Traveling south on U S Route 1, Dutch Gap and Henricus can be reached by turning east on CR 615.

Chiles Land Patents, 1748, 1759

Submitted by Beverly Conolly

Transcription of a photostat from Virginia State Library, endorsed: Patents No. 28, 1746-1749:

(p. 467) GEORGE the second by the Grace of God if Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith & c. TO ALL TO WHOM ... FORTY SHILLINGS ... grant unto Paul Chiles one certain Tract or Parcel of (p. 468) Land containing four hundred acres lying and being in the County of Lunenburgh including some of the head Branches of Falling River and bounded as followeth, to wit, BEGINNING at Henry Chiles's Corner ... John Beard's Line ... WITH ALL ... TO HAVE HOLD ... TO BE HELD ... YIELDING AND PAYING ... PROVIDED (469) IN WITNESS ... WITNESS our Trust, and Welbeloved Sir William Gooch Baronet our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at W^{m}burg under the Seal of our said Colony the tenth of January one thousand seven hundred and forty eight In the twenty second Year of our Reign.

William Gooch

(pp 480-1) *Patent to Susanna Chiles*

50 acres in Lunenburgh County on the South side of Stanton River ... Beginning at Henry Chiles Corner ... Spanish Oak on the River ... Dated 10 January 1748.

(pp. 481-2) *Patent to Elizabeth Chiles*

130 acres in Lunenburgh County on the South side of Stanton River ... joyning Henry Chiles's Lines ... Dated 10 January 1748.

Transcription of a photostat from Virginia State Library, endorsed: Patents No. 34, 1756-1762:

(p. 346) GEORGE the second &c: TO ALL &c: KNOW YE that for divers Good Causes and Considerations but more especially for and in Consideration of the Sum TWENTY SHILLINGS of Good and lawful Money for our Use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia, WE HAVE Given Granted and Confirmed and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors DO Give Grant and Confirm unto Paul Chiles one certain Tract or Parcel of Land

containing two Hundred Acres lying and being in the County of Lunenburgh on both Sides the South fork of Mayo River and bounded as followeth (*to wit*) BEGINNING at a Dogwood and running thence New Lines East seventy Poles to a red Oak South sixty Degrees East one hundred and sixty two Poles to a red oak North crossing the River and a Branch one Hundred and seventy four Poles to a white Oak North seventy Degrees West crossing a Creek two Hundred and twenty six Poles to Pointers & South crossing the River one Hundred and Seventy two Poles to the first Station WITH ALL &c: TO HAVE HOLD &c: TO BE HELD &c: YEILDING and PAYING &c: PROVIDED &c: IN WITNESS &c: WITNESS our Trust, and Welbeloved Francis Fauquier Esqr our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the Seal of our said Colony the tenth Day of August one thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine In the thirty third Year of our Reign —

Examd. *FRAN: FAUQUIER*

(pp. 346-7) ... Fifteen Shillings ... Patent to Paul Chiles ... one hundred and thirty Acres lying and being in the County of Lunenburgh on both sides the North Fork of Mayo River ... dated the tenth Day of August one thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine...

(pp. 347-8) ... Twenty Shillings ... Patent to Paul Chiles ... One hundred & Eighty four Acres lying and being in the County of Lunenburgh on Both Sides of Butterm Town Creek ... tenth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine...

(p. 348) ... Fifteen Shillings ... Patent to Paul Chiles ... one hundred and ten Acres lying and being in the County of Lunenburgh ... Elm of Thomas Finneys standing on the upper side of Butterham Town Creek ... North side of Smiths River ... tenth Day of August one thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine...

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Records from the Ingram Family Bible

Transcribed by S. Kathryn Hooper

Deaths

Departed this life Peter Garland Father of the above named Ann Ingram 31 Jan'y 1774 — after short illness — 48 hours

Departed this Life Mary Garland the mother of Ann Ingram 12 Sept. 1779 after a short illnes 6 hours

Departed this Life Lucy Simpson Aunt to Ann the 22D. 1779

Departed this Life Nath Garland Brother to Ann Ingram 2 of Oct. 1779 after a short illness

Departed this life Ann Ingram mother of the above named Children the 14 June 1778

Departed this Life John Ingram the Husband of Ann Garland and Father to 3 Sons the William Ingram John Ingram, Thos. R. Ingram the only children by his wife on the 17 of March 1799, after a short illness of a few hours.

William G. Ingram Son of John Ingram Departed This Life April 21, 1811

Departed this Life John Ingram Son born of John Ingram 20 July 1814

Departed the Life Ann H. Ingram Daughter of Rubin & Mary Blakey of Henrico County March 19 1881 after a lingering illness of Consumption of Several Years 4 o'clock in the morning of Thursday 39 years of

Marriages

John Ingeam of Norfolk was married to Ann Garland Daughter of Peter Garland of Hanover County the 23 Oct. 1773. She was born the 24 Jan. 1755

John Ingram was married to Sarah Thorowgood of Princess Anne Daughter of Thomas & Mary Calvert the 16 of May 1784

Thomas R. Ingram of Norfolk was maried to Ann Blakey Daughter of Rubins and Mary Blakey of Henrico County 10 May 1815. She was born 8th of June 1811

Thomas R. Ingram of Norfolk Was maried to Margaret Drewrey Daughter of Dr. Mathias Drewrey of Princes Ann County Virginia December the 30, 1841

Thomas J. Cormick and Margaret Drewry was married on Tuesday the 12th Day of June 1860 by Mr. O'Keefe

Births

Ann Garland Daughter of Peter & Mary Garland she was born the 24 Jan'y 1755

William Garland Ingram Son of John & Ann Ingeam was born the 20 Jan. 1778

John Ingram Son of John & Ann Ingram was born the 6 of March 1781

Thomas Robinson Ingram Son of John & Ann Ingram was born the 20 Jan'y 1783

Thomas Robinson Ingram

Lewis Thomas Ingram the Son of Thos. & Margaret his wife born on Wednesday the 28th of August 1861

Thomas J. Cornick the Son of Joel B. & Temmy Cornick his wife was born the 22nd of August 1827

Margaret M. Drewry the daughter of Mathias and Margaret M. Drewry his wife was born the 7th of Jan'y 18??

Lewis Thomas son of Thomas J. and Margaret Cornick Departed this life on Monday the 5th of July 1863 about 4 o'clock P.M. Age one year 10 months and 8 days

Copied from Bible in possession of the Roanoke Valley Historical Society, September 1989. The Bible is too fragile to be subjected to a copying machine.

On frontispiece: Brown's Bible
Published by T. Kinnersley, Acton Place, Kingsland Road

Stereotyped and Printed by J. McGowan
Great Windmill Street, London
1816

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Buckingham Baptist Church

Transcribed by S. Kathryn Hooper

Has always been known as such since the Baptists took it over in 1771

Location: 4.5 miles south of Arvonia, Virginia, on Route #15, thence east .2 miles of highway.

Date: Early 1700's

Owners: Virginia Baptist Board.

Description: The building is a frame structure weatherboarded of Heart pine with a slate roof. It has two chimneys of brick, one center and one side flue. There are elaborate cornices of wood and thirteen windows. Four entrances, two have double doors, and two have single doors. It has one room with a ceiling height of approximately 9½ feet to the Gallery. There is a winding stairway with no balusters or hand rail. The floor is of wide boards of irregular width.

Historical Significance:

Buckingham Baptist Church was first known as the Church of England, built in the early 1700's. At one time it ceased to be a place of worship and was used as a Tavern. In the year 1771 the Baptists took it over, and since that time it has been known as the "Buckingham Baptist Church," the first Baptist church established in this county. It is a very quaint old building with a gallery. About the year 1830 a shed room added to this building was said to have been used as a nursery. In the year 1875 the partition was taken out and all was made into one large room. The Baptists had no deed to this property until 1898, when Professor Boatwright purchased a tract of land known as the "McKenna Tract." The Church building was on this tract. Mr Boatwright gave a deed to the church, spring, cemetery and several acres of land besides, to be used as the Baptists saw fit.

The great-grandparents of Hon. Hal Flood, late Congressman, were buried under this church, the bodies being put there to protect them from the Indians.

One pastor served this church 52 years.

According to tradition a leaden image stood at one time directly in front of the church, but during the Revolutionary War, it was melted and bullets were made from it.

Art: Photograph -- See picture collection of the Virginia State Library. [*See pen & ink sketch below*]

Sources of Information:

Mrs James Clarke, New Canton, Virginia, a member of this church.

Mrs Russel Martin, New Canton, Virginia, an old member of this church.

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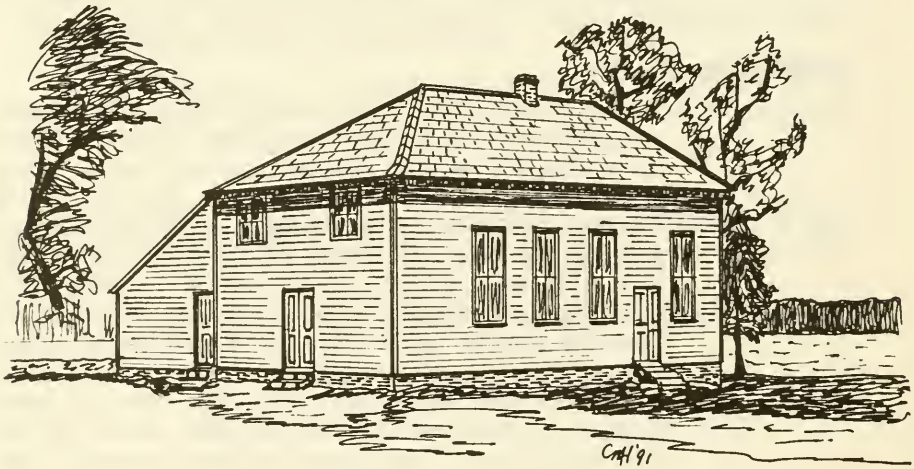

Buckingham Baptist Church

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Pen & Ink Sketch by *Christopher M. Hooper*

Selections from Mecklenburg County Deed Book 19, 1821 — 1822

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Editor's Note:
These deeds were selected by Mr Kolbe to show the migration patterns of Mecklenburg County residents.

P. 7 Henry B Mize of Pittsylvania to Pascal Thomas of Mecklenburg 50a

dated: 19 July 1820 recorded: 19 February 1821

Wit: William Thomas, J. Robinson

p. 13 Joseph Speed of Teago County, New York, to John Speed of Mecklenburg for two thousand seven hundred dollars paid in land lying in Caroline township, Teago County, New York sells to John Speed his interest that in that part of his father's estate which was [ ] to use of our mother Sarah Speed.

dated: 22 February 1821 recorded: 7 March 1822

p. 33 William Noel of Giles County, Tennessee to Thomas Barnett of Mecklenburg County power of attorney to defend a suit in chancery against me by John Winkler adm. (?) Jackonias Towler decd.

dated: 5 February 1821 recorded: 28 March 1881

Wit: Fielding Noel, Samuel Noel

P. 60 John Williams and Mary his wife of Montgomery County, Tennessee to Joseph Bosell of Mecklenburg County 176 on sixth Fork of Pineywood Creek known as Pinnewoods of which the late Samuel O. Pettus, decd possessed and was assigned by commissioners appointed to make distribution of his estate to Mary Williams as her portion of lands.

dated: 2 November 1820 recorded: 16 April 1821

Wit: Lewis Williams, Jr, Jorden Mason, Richard Colly, John C. Hicks.

p. 77 Talley Rainey of Mecklenburg County to John Rains of Rutherford County, Tennessee power of attorney to collect money from Lewis G. Thomas. Money was recovered in Superior Court for Mecklenburg in term of September 1819. Record of the suit was recorded in February 1821 term of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

dated: 2 April 1821 recorded: 25 April 1821

p. 80 Watson Bottom of Henderson County, Kentucky, sells to Patrick H. Hoster of Mecklenburg on Robins Creek lot No. 2 apportioned to him by commissioners of county court to divide the estate of Wilkinson Bottom.

dated: 30 April 1821 recorded: 1 May 1821

Wit: Ch. Haskins, Jr, Ansel Roberts, Lewis Nunn, James Trawler(?).

p. 82 Wilson Bottom of Henderson County, Kentucky, to John Winkler of Mecklenburg County power of attorney to recover from Christopher Haskins adm. of Wilkinson Bottom, my father, that part of my legacy due me.

dated: 30 April 1821 recorded: 1 May 1821

p. 113 Sterling Nothington late of Nashville, Tennessee, died some time since and Thomas Hill of said state was appointed adm. Rebecca Ann Nothington, John B Nothington, Polly B Nothington, and Aramanta Nothington are brothers and sisters of Sterling Nothington and all of the state of Virginia. They are entitled to the estate of Sterling Nothington. Rebecca Ann Nothington married Roberson Izell, Jonathan Nothington is of full age and the other brothers and sisters are infants for whom John Nothington their father is appointed guardian. John Nothington guardian of Samuel, Nancy P, Betsey C, Polly B, and Aramanta Nothington, and Jonathan B Nothington, and Roberson Ezell

appoint Thomas Claiborne of Nashville power of attorney to receive our portion of the estate of Sterling Nothington.

dated: 18 June 1821 recorded: 18 June 1821

P. 130 Richard Apperson ex of Martha Apperson decd. of Mecklenburg to John Hutcherson of Montgomery County, Tennessee, power of attorney to receive from James Wilson ex. of David Apperson decd. of Henderson County, Kentucky, all such money due me as ex. of Martha Apperson decd.

dated: 14 July 1821 recorded: 16 July 1821

Wit: Wm. Dortch

p. 137 Thomas Williams and Elizabeth his wife of Granville County, North Carolina, to Caleb H Turner and Henry D Turner of Prince Edward County a lot in the town of Clarksville, Mecklenburg County, designated lot No. 54 as per platt made 9 April 1818 on the side of Market Street containing ½ acre of land.

dated: 30 April 1821 recorded: 16 July 1821

Wit: W. Birchett, Lewis Green, Edmd. B. Cooper, Thos. S. Williams.

p. 140 Thomas Palmer and Mary M. his wife of Mecklenburg to William Wright of Warren County, North Carolina, 62 acres.

dated: 11 April 1821 recorded: 16 July 1821

P. 160 Ottoway L. Baily of Rockingham County, North Carolina, to Thomas Burnett of Mecklenburg County power of attorney to receive debts due me, to manage the law suit I have with Williams Toms, manage my plantation, mill and negroes in Mecklenburg County.

dated: 23 June 1821 recorded: 23 August 1821

p. 162 Henry Young of Granville County, North Carolina, to Robert Williamson of Mecklenburg 50 acres.

dated: 11 August 1821 recorded: 20 August 1821

Wit: Step. P Pool, Eggleston Norly, Charles Carter.

p. 173 James Baugh and Susan his wife of Lincoln County, Tennessee, to Peter Puryear of Mecklenburg County 103 acres on Allens Creek.

dated: 28 June 1821 recorded: 20 August 1821

p. 225 David Brame of Christian County, Kentuchee to Samuel C. Brame of Petersburg, Virginia his interest in land where of Samuel Brame Sr. died seized, it being a tract of land devised by the will of Samuel Brame Sen.

dated: 25 December 1820 recorded: 11 September 1821

Wit: Jas. B. Clausell, Walter Brame, John Belare Clausel, William Alexander Clausell, Alen Clausel.

p. 227 Seth Perkinson of Granville County, North Carolina to Jesse Perkinson of Mecklenburg 87 acres.

dated: 22 February 1817 recorded: 18 August 1821

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COMMENTARY

Some Insight Concerning the Colonial Laws of Inheritance

by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis
Research Editor

It is necessary to understand some of the laws of inheritance that governed the passing on of an estate at ones death during the colonial period of Virginia history. These laws concerning descent and inheritance were somewhat different from contemporary laws, and wills and inheritances of the Colonial Virginia period must be interpreted in light of these English laws. Rather than try to interpret these laws, this author has taken the liberty of presenting excerpts concerning the interpretation of wills of the Colonial Virginia period, as they were constructed in conformity with English Law. These excerpts have been taken from the Handbook of the Law of Wills *by Thomas E Atkinson.*

Intestacy: pp. 37-41, 50, 56.

England:

1. **Descent of Realty**. Under the influence of feudalism, a system of rules was evolved for the descent of land which included the principles of preference of males over females, primogeniture, ancestral property, and the exclusion of lineal ancestors and the half-blood. Most of these doctrines were abolished in the United States in the nineteenth century and the remainder fell in 1925.

* In harmony with the institution of feudalism, primogeniture, or the right of the eldest son to inherit, to the exclusion of his sisters and younger brothers became established. The Canons of Blackstone read as follows:

I Inheritances shall linearly descend to the issue of the person who last died actually seised in infinitum; but shall never linearly ascend.

II The male issue shall be admitted before the female.

III Where there are two or more males in equal degree, the eldest only shall inherit; but the females all together.

IV The lineal descendants in infinitum of any person deceased shall represent their ancestor; that is, shall stand in the same place as the person himself would have done, had he been living.

V On failure of lineal descendants or issue of the person last seised, the inheritance shall descend to his collateral relations being of the blood of the first purchaser; subject to the three preceding rules.

VI The collateral heir of the person last seised must be his next collateral kinsman of the whole blood.

VII In collateral inheritance the male stock shall be preferred to the female, unless where the lands have in fact descended from a female.

Illegitimates: One born out of wedlock was deemed to be filius nullius and could not inherit from anyone. Likewise his collateral relatives could not inherit from him, though his legitimate children or their legitimate descendants could do so.

Spouse: The surviving spouse, as such, was never heir to the land of the decedent spouse. The widower was entitled to curtsey and the widow to dower but these marital estates did not pass to them by inheritance. Though enjoyment was postponed until the death of the spouse who owned the land, these interests were regarded as existing in inchoate form during the latter's lifetime.

The Statute of distribution England:

* After a period of uncertainly as to who was entitled to the personalty of the intestate, parliament passed the Statute of distribution, 1670, which commanded the administrator to distribute the property after payment of debts:

    1. One-third to the widow and two-thirds to the children or their issue if both widow and children or issue survived:

    2. All to the children or their issue if the widow did not survive;

    3. Half to the widow and half to the next of kin if there were no issue;

    4. All to the next of kin if neither widow nor issue survived.

    5. In case of collateral relatives and lineal ancestors, next of kin were computed by counting the number of steps from the claimant to the closest common ancestor of intestate and the claimant and adding the number of steps from the common ancestor to intestate. Claimants who were by this calculation closest related to the intestate were entitled to the personalty. Representation or the right to stand in the place of one's predeceased parent, was permitted in case of nieces and nephews.

  Aside from the surviving spouse no one was a distributee unless he was related to the intestate by blood.

  Collateral relatives of the half-blood shared the personalty equally with those of the whole blood of the same degree and were preferred to all relatives of a more remote degree. However, the half-blood was excluded altogether in the case of the descent of land.

  When no heirs were found for intestate, his realty passed to the overlord or to the crown by escheat, and his personalty went to the crown.

  The surviving spouse must elect between testamentary provisions for him and dower or statutory forced share when it was intended that he should not have both. At common law it was presumed that desires and bequests to

spouse were in addition to dower, but statutes in many jurisdictions reverse this presumption. While a husband cannot deprive his wife of dower by will he can require her to elect between dower and some testamentary provision in her favor.

p. 60-61, 64

The development of English law of intestacy has been treated for two reasons, first to understand the wills of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and that many of our concepts and positive rules of law are directly traceable to the mother country. Most of the principles peculiar to the English Canons of Descent have disappeared from our law, and statutes in most jurisdictions now provide that the same relatives shall succeed to both realty and personalty. The inheritance tables of the various states differ from each other in many respects, but most follow in a general way the scheme of the English Statute of Distribution. Typically the surviving husband or wife takes a half or third interest, which is often increased if the decedent left no issue or other designated relatives. However, there are numerous divergences from this plan in many states and provisions for the surviving spouse differ in plan and detail more than intestate provisions for blood relatives.

Children of the intestate inherit the latter's property subject to the interests of the surviving spouse. They take equally regardless of sex or age, and the issue of predeceased children take in place of their parents. Descendants, however remote, take in preference to all other blood relatives.

Witnesses — Number and Competency pp. 308-309

1. Most statutes require only two attesting witnesses but in a few states three are necessary

2. In most jurisdictions the statute provides that a beneficiary under the will is a proper attester but that he is not permitted to take under the will unless his is also an heir at law in which case he may take up to his intestate share.

3. The English Statute of Frauds provided that witnesses to the will should be "credible". It became established that credible witnesses were those who were competent to testify on behalf of the will. Interest in a will disqualified a witness. If the will was signed by a devisee, the entire will was invalid. This situation led to the Statute of George II, which provided that when a witness was also a legatee or devisee he should lose all advantage of the provisions of the will. This had the effect of validating the will by nullifying the gift in favor of the interested witness.

Handbook of the Law of Wills, Thomas E Atkinson, Hornbook Series, West Publishing Co, St Paul, MN. 1953.

"English Home"

Transcribed by S. Kathryn Hooper

Location: 4 miles north of Union Hall on Route #670; thence northeast 3.7 miles on Route #618, west side of Highway.

Date: About 1790.

Owners: George L. English _ to 1829

Parmenus English 1829 to 1876

Daniel T. Saunders 1876 to 1937, present owner. [*at the time*]

When the original home was built or how George L. English acquired his land could not be learned, but it was stated in all probability it was a land grant.

In Deed Book 12, page 591, a deed from George L. English to his son Parmenus is recorded. The deed speaks of it as being one fifth of his land holdings and mention is made of the fact that it is to be used by his wife Elizabeth as a home for her natural life, so it is supposed he wanted his son to occupy the home during his declining years. The consideration was $1.00 and love and affection. Metes and bounds are described but the acreage is not given. In Deed Book 32, page 39 the heirs of Parmenus, deeded to Daniel T. Saunders his son-in-law the tract of land known as, The Parmenus English home Tract, and contained 398 acres, and the consideration was $2,427.80. This deed was made February 7, 1876.

Description: The house was log bodied and later the whole was covered with wide boards, tongue and grooved together. It could not be ascertained just when built but as Parmenus English was born there in 1800, it is believed to have been erected before that. The house has crumbled and the only tract left is a mound of half decayed logs. The following description was written from memory by Mrs Sallie Dudley Foster, who was reared in the neighborhood and visited the house frequently.

The house had two large rooms connected by a big hall, a single flight stairway reached to the upper floor which was a duplicate of the one below, the hall and rooms being the same size as the ones below, the only difference being the upper ones, the ceiling was a little lower.

There was no basement to this house and the kitchen was a small shed room.

The lawn showed traces of where flowers had been and there were several lovely old trees left.

To the side of the house is a family burying ground in which sleeps Parmenus English, his two wives and some of his descendants. The cemetery is very well cared for and the graves are marked by nice stones, in a good state of preservation.

Historical Significance:

The English family have long been a prominent one in Franklin County. Large land owners, they established homes in different sections of the county. Very little could be learned of Parmenus and his two wives but one of his sons, James, afterwards became a most prominent citizen in civic and religious affairs. He was appointed Judge, which office he held for years. Another child a duaghter, was the Mary Ann Hancock, whose epitaph is given later. Mrs Hancock left two small children which were reared by her father. Another daughter became the wife of Dr. Benjamin Williams, an early physician in Franklin, while another married Mr D. T. Saunders, who continued to live in the English home and later bought out the other heirs.

Mr and Mrs Saunders reared a large family there, but after his death the place was occupied by tenants and gradually the house fell into a state of complete disrepair.

Inscriptions in the family burying ground.

Parmenus English
Departed this life
April 5th. 1873
Aged 73.
"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Sallie Johnson
wife of Parmenus English *(lst wife)*
died 1842

Tibitha Musgrove
wife of Parmenus English
Born Dec. 11, 1813
Died Dec. 13, 1875 *(2nd wife)*
"Where mortal Spirits reign,
There we shall meet again"

In Memory of
Mary Ann (English)
wife of Peter L. Hancock
Born Feb. 25, 1823
Died July 15, 1860
"Here lies the last remains of one
Beneath this tomb at rest
Whose better part is gone from thence
To dwell amongst the blest,
In doing good she did rejoice.
Her heart was free from pride
She made her Makers Law her choice
And in his faith she died"

James M. Hancock
Born Sept. 11, 1851
Died Dec. 11, 1851

Ann R. Gill
Sept. 6, 1844
July 23, 1860

Sources of Information:

Informants: Mr J. H. English, Union Hall, Virginia
Mrs Sallie D. Foster, Rocky Mount, Virginia and Mrs Alice H. Hancock Croser *(grand-daughter of Parmenus English)*, Roanoke, Virginia.

Court Records, Clerk's Office
Franklin County, Rocky Mount, Virginia.
Volume 12 page 591
Volume 32 page 39

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A Harris Family Graveyard

Submitted by Benjamin B. Weisiger

This cemetery is in a small grove in the middle of a field, off Judes Ferry Rd, near "Federal Hill", and the Peter Porter place. It appears to have been the cemetery on Colonel Thomas Harris's estate. The area is about 25 by 25 feet and surrounded by a wall of field stones. The foundations of the house are said to be nearby. The stones with inscriptions are:

Frances E.
wife of Wm M. Warriner
Born Aug. 28, 1816
died June 10, 1851

Frances Harris
wife of Col. Thomas Harris
Died Oct. 20, 1820

Cornelia Harris
child of P. H. & E. B. Harris
Born May 1, 1836
died Aug. 8, 1836

Elizabeth B. Harris
wife of P. H. Harris
Born Oct. 14, 1796
died Sept. 12, 1836

Patrick H. Harris
Born July 4, 1788
died Oct. 4, 1846

Colonel Thomas Harris was a large land owner in Powhatan. His estate owned almost 2000 acres there in 1816. He was the son of James Harris and Sarah Bailey. He died in 1810. His wife was Frances Moseley, daughter of John Moseley, whom she mentions in her will. They had no children.

Patrick Henry Harris was the son of James Harris, Jr and Ursula Flournoy, and a nephew of Col. Thomas Harris. His wife was his cousin Elizabeth B. Harris, daughter of his uncle, John Harris of Buckingham Co, whom he married 20 Nov. 1815. Frances Warriner was the daughter of Patrick Harris.

References:

1. Stones in Harris Graveyard
2. Real estate taxes, Powhatan Co, Virginia
3. Vogt, John & Kethley, T. William, Jr: *Marriages of Powhatan County, Virginia 1777-1850*, p. 34 & p. 71
4. Powahatan Co, Virginia *Will Book #6*, p. 37

QUERIES

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ANDREWS, LONG, GILBERT, TYUS, SAMMONS, BAILEY: Seek info on Robert & Sarah Andrews of Sussex. He d 1796, will mentions children: Anna m Edwin Long 1794; Dorothy/Dolly; David; Mary/Polly m Zachariah Gilbert 1798; Elizabeth/Betsy m Jos. Williamson Tyus 1803; Samuel; Robert; and Richard who may have m Polley Bailey 1806. Sarah Andrews' will 1814 mentions gr-dau Sarah Sammons. Which girl m a Sammons? Was Robert Andrews a gr-son of William Andrews whose will recorded 1772 Nottoway Parish, Southampton? What was maiden name of Sarah Andrews? **Christine Levet Gerbel, 3143 Deer Meadow Dr, Blackhawk, Danville, CA 94506.**

DURKEE, HANKEY: Seek the southside VA roots of the family: Elisabeth Beeson m 1774 Morris Hankey who was a planter of Rising Sun, Cecil Co, MD. Dau, Mary Hankey (1778-1809) m sea Capt Pearl Durkee 1797 at old St Paul's, Baltimore. Dwelling on George St, and slaves names: Walter and Henrietta. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

Exchange: **REESE**. Mary E. Reese in 1883 mortgaged land, Buckhorn Dist, Meck. Co, bounded by road running from Gaffolds? Rd to Union Level; by a road running from that road to D. R. Fielders; and by lands of A. G. Finnell. Note in margin, DB 45, dated 7 Apr. 1890, states deed paid. Was she widow of Joseph A. Reese who d 1870 Buckhorn Dist? When did Mary die and where are they buried? **Doris Reese Backer, 78092 N. Fitzmorris Rd, Covington, LA 70433.**

LAND, CARTER,: Robert Land b c1720 Surry Co, d 1789 Sussex Co, m c1742 Mary Ann Carter, widow of Nathaiel Webb. Seek proof that Robert was son of William Land and wife Elizabeth Lewis. William was son of Curtis who was son of Curtis of Charles City Co. Who were parents of

Elizabeth Lewis? **Frank C. Pickard, 3004 E. Amherst Ave, Denver, CO 80210-6409.**

NEW, STONE, DUNN: Seek anc of Bolling G. New who d Sussex Co c1845, Will Book "O", p 340. He m Ann H. Stone 1805, and Mary (Polly) Dunn 1809. Which wife was mother of his 3 children: Mary D, Rebecca T, and Richard T. Both dau m Edwin G. Scott. **Ralph P. Leinhaas, 236 Claremont St, Petersburg, VA 23805.**

PATE, ADAMS, HAILE, THORPE, REESE: Thomas Pate m Lucy Adams 1790 Southampton Co; seek her parents. Drewry Pate m Betsey Thorpe 1798. Her guardian was Randall Reese, seek her parents. Jordan Pate m Elizabeth Adams 1795; seek her parents. Mary Pate m John Adams 1791 Sussex Co; seek his parents. **Helen Pate Ross, 1801 Esic Dr, Edwardsville, IL 62025.**

MAJOR: Seek info on Major family of VA, especially 1700-1800. Seek relatives that moved to SC that time. Seek church records that list their children, at least four were born in VA. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662.**

WILLIS: William Willis b c1793 Charlotte Co, d 1841 Wilson Co, TN. Seek his parents. A William Willis in 1783 witness at wedding; in 1803 on a wedding bond. On British Mercantile Claims he sold his store and went to KY. A Charles T. Willis in Charlotte history; could he be this William's father? Ann Willis of 1749, how does she fit with this family? **Victor C. Rose, 2126 Corbitt St, Shreveport, LA 71108.**

BURCHET, LEE: Rebecca Burchet m William Lee (s/o Hugh Lee, Jr) c1715 pr Pr Geo Co, had children: Peter, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Amy and Rebecca. Seek parents of Rebecca with dates and place of b and d for parents and Rebecca. **Mrs Hope Hotchkiss Niedling, 1008 Third St, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**

HOLT: Seek to exchange info on desc of Randall Holt (d 1679) and wife Elizabeth Hansford (d 1709 Surry Co). Children: John m Binns; William m Seward; Thomas m Mason; Jane m Hancock; Lucy m Mountfort; Elizabeth m Edwards. Goal is to straighten out the gr-children of this line. **Andrea K. Storm, 703 N.E. 109th Ct, Portland, OR 97220.**

FRANKS, SCOTT: Seek info on Rev Jacob Franks, Peaked Mt Church, Rockingham Co 1775-1778. Can you identify source: "Hallesche Nachrichten," Vol. I, p 581, naming him. Also seek info on John M. Scott m Mary (Molly) Steele (d/o Nathaniel) c1843. In Guntersville AL 1850. Who were John's parents? **Kay Lee Wrage Gunn, 4327 Westside Dr, Dallas, TX 75209.**

BABER: Seek anc of Robert Baber b 1830 d ?, m Elizabeth Margaret Jones. One child was Howard T, b 1850 Buckingham Co, m Anna (Mary) Stinson. One child was Francis Watson Baber. **Walter A. Neisz, 553 S. Gladstone Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3134.**

RAMSEY, CLARKE: Robert D. Ramsey b 1832 NC, m 1856 Person Co, NC to Harriet W. Clarke (b 1835 VA). Children: Henry, Hayes, John, Emma, Robert, William, James. Lived in VA area. Seek info on this family. **Maxine C. Allen, 4966 La Sierra Ave, Riverside, CA 92505.**

ALLEN, WELLS: Seek parents of Jonathan Allen b 1810 Mecklenburg Co, d c1860 Halifax Co, and wife Mary Elizabeth Wells, b 1818, d 1892 Halifax Co. Is Jonathan son of Kemer C. Allen and Elizabeth Seamore, m 1808 Halifax Co.? Other VA connections: **ANDERSON, BRAME, DICKERSON, CHEADLE, CHILES, FORD, HESTER. Martha P. Clendenin, 2211 Wedgewood Dr, Union City, TN 38261.**

Exchange: **RELFE, ROLPH, ROLFE**, Pasquotank Co, NC 1660-1760 all born in VA. **William A. Rolfe, 2209 Persimmon Trek, Richmond, VA 23233.**

BOOKER: Exchange info on Booker and allied families of colonial VA for purpose of compiling a paper on desc of Edward Booker of 17th century Gloucester Co. **Don L. Booker, P.O. Box 210, Dover, AR 72837.**

DAVIS, WINFIELD: Seek parents of Job Davis b 1773 Mecklenburg Co VA, made deposition in Montgomery Co, NC 1839 that states he came to NC with Josiah Floyd and wife Mary in 1794. Job's wife was Sarah Winfield whose family also came from Mecklenburg Co. Was Job an orphan? Seek any clue regarding his parents. **Mrs Scott Kimball, 2921 Hwy. 82E, Apt. 5B, Greenwood, MS 38930.**

SHELTON: Seek info on Mele Clay Shelton who moved to Todd Co, KY c1840. His father was Coleman Shelton of Pittsylvania Co b 1775 who m Elizabeth 1897, m Mary E. Williams 1880. **Will E. Harbin, R.R. 2 Box 353, Pottsboro, TX 75076.**

MORTON, WEBB: Seek parents of Elizabeth Morton b c1809 Charlotte Co, m Joel W. Webb 1828. Seek Joel's parents. Also seek info on the Waddills who were in Briery Presby. Church Sessions Book. **Mrs Elizabeth W. Turner, 307 W. Riverside Dr, Jupiter, FL 33469.**

SATTERWHITE, CHILDS, WOODY: Seek date & place of birth of James Satterwhite who m Franky Childs in Granville Co, NC 1778. Were Michael & Amy Mitchell Satterwhite his parents? Also Seek date & place of birth of David Woody who lived Person Co, NC and Halifax Co line c1785-90. Who were his parents? **Velma Woody Pelley, 1426 Parker Lane, Henderson, NC 27536-3519.**

HOGAN, PERDUE: Will exchange info on Hogan family from Bedford Co. James, Washington, George Washington Hogan. Also the Perdue family from Franklin Co. Meschack Perdue family. **Mrs Nettie Graden, 1218 Lawrence Ave, Leavenworth, KS 66048-3150.**

TATUM, RIVES, HEATH: Seek info on these families: Edward Tatum b c1665 Surry Co, possibly s/o Nathaniel Jr and Mary Tatum; d 1739 m Rebecca Rives (d 1750 Albemarle Parish). Son Peter m Sarah Heath (dau/o William Heath b c1650? Surry Co, possibly s/o Adam Heath) d 1745 Surry Co, m Elizabeth __. **Bill Jobe, 3804 Carpenter Ave, Studio City, CA 91604.**

SMITH, VAUGHAN: Seek parents/siblings/children of John Smith who m Ann Augusta Vaughan 1838. Had a dau Pat, son William Alexander Smith b 1840 Dinwiddie Co, m Mary Elizabeth King of Sussex Co. Wm. was a doctor in Petersburg. **Mary Davis Welling, 1690 Rochelle Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952.**

LIGHTFOOT: Seek birth date/place, parents, spouse and any info on John Lightfoot d Brunswick Co 1806. Will dated 1806. Named sons Claiborne and John Jr and dau Naly in will. Will reimburse postage & copying, etc. **Mary Lightfoot, 127 East 12th St, Tracy, CA 95376.**

HURT: Seek info on William Hurt, a planter of "Buckland" maybe from England to Charles City Co before Dec 1656; dau Isabella m Philip Pendleton. Where was "Buckland"? **William Eldon Tinsley, P.O. Box 430, Pflugerville, TX 78660.**

SCOTT, MOON, LIPSCOMB: Seek parents of John Scott, will proved 1793 Halifax Co. Wife Dicey thought to be dau/o Gideon Moon, will proved 1790 Lunenburg Co. Children: William, John, Samuel, Abner, Pleasant, Frances, Elizabeth, and Dicey m John Lipscomb 1799. Dicey Moon Scott m (2) Jonas Sikes. **Miss Billie Lipscomb, 2564 Donald Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1945.**

BIRD, JAKES: Seek parents and info on Samuel Bird b 1782 Henry Co, m Polly Jakes 1807 Franklin Co. Their son Sparrel b c1812. Who was Bartlett Bird? Who was Polly Jakes' mother (wife of John Jakes)? **Richard Byard, 3150 Paulskirk Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042.**

Exchange: **MEANLEY** family of Mecklenburg & Cumberland Cos; **MILLINGTON** family of Surry Co; **ISBELL** family of Charlotte, Halifax & Lunenburg Cos. **Jimmy L. Veal, 57 Loganberry Circle, Valdosta, GA 31602.**

JEFFRIES, BASS, JONES: Seek parents and all info on Elizabeth Jeffries (d 1806) who m 1805 in Powhatan Co as second wife of Edward Bass (1754-1834) of Chesterfield Co. Dau Rebecca Ann. Seek connection if any of John Jeffries and Ann Elizabeth Jones married by Rev John Cameron 1786, Rector of Bristol Parish Epis Church. **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St, Sumter, SC 29150.**

HARPER, MALONE, WELLS: Seek parents and info on Joseph Harper referred to as son-in-law by Nathaniel Malone in Surry Co will prob 1732. Joseph in what became Dinwiddie Co in 1730s. Did his son Nathaniel Harper (d Brunswick Co 1794) marry a Miss Wells? Joseph's probable brother was William Harper, 1757 will recorded Sussex Co. **Philip B. Alfeld, 500 State St, Alton, IL 62002.**

SHOEMAKER: Josiah Shoemaker in co records of: Amelia 1768; Pr Ed 1778&9; Caswell Co, NC 1779 (Rev War sgt) & 1783; Richmond Co, GA 1787 where he d 1792. He m Elizabeth, dau/o John Moore (who was of Charlotte Co 1768, will 1777 Orange Co, NC, pr. Caswell Co). Seek his early history, parents, etc. **Felix Earle Luck, 8 St John's Ave, P.O. Box 506, Mt. Tabor, NJ 07878.**

HARWELL, LOFTIN: Seek info on Frances Harwell b c1757 Brunswick Co, m Elizabeth Loftin 1786 Brunswick Co. One child, Herbert m Polly Ann Fain. Who are other children? Also seek info on Capt. Harwell of Halifax Co, who was murdered by Lemuel Turner. Lemuel (Samuel) was hanged for this deed in 1837. **Mr A. L. Harwell, 5048 N. Bernard St, Chicago, IL 60625.**

PRICE, PACE: Seek parents of Edward Price b c1777 and his wife Mary Mallory. Lived Lynchburg, VA. Also desire to exchange info on the family of William Pace who d 1815 in Scott Co. He was from Fluvanna Co. **Mrs H. E. Whitworth, 105 Hidden Creek Dr, Ellisville, MO 63011.**

WESSON, HOWARD: Seek any info on: Edward Wesson whose will pr. 1788 Brunswick Co, & William Howard whose will pr. 1796 Brunswick Co. Wilie Wesson m Hannah Howard 1798 in Brunswick Co. **Mary Phillips, 1206 Joe Creason Dr, Benton, KY 42025.**

CL(E)AYTON, COOK, HESTER, McALLISTER: Exchange Clayton & Cook in Northumberland, Rappahannock, Essex, New Kent/Hanover Cos 1600s early 1700s. Clayton Cook m into the Henderson, Henley, Keeling lines; McAllister m Cook and Hester of these areas late 1600s early 1700s. Seek info on Andrew and Rachel McAllister of King & Queen Co. So many burned areas, any help appreciated. **Dorothy H. Ward, 11030 SW 52nd Ct, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33328-4706.**

FOULKES, SMITH: Seek parents of Hezekiah Foulkes (var sp) who m Sarah (Sally) Smith in Pr Ed Co 1795, surety by John Foulkes, relationship not known. Any info greatly appreciated. **Henry W. Fulks, 2108 East 30th Ave, Spokane, WA 99203-3965.**

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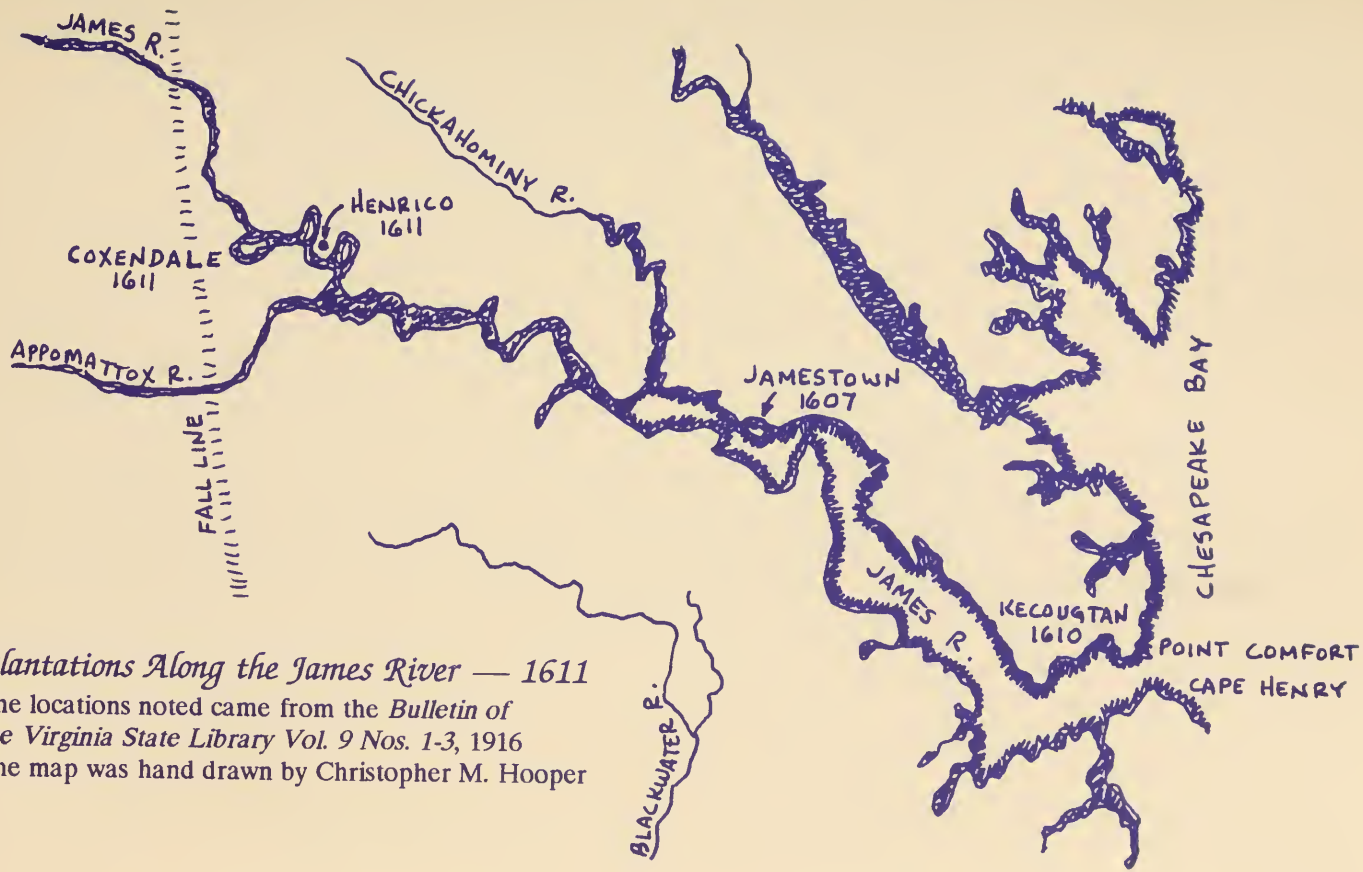

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EDITORIAL

It is with a great deal of regret that we must announce the departure of Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis as Research Editor of *The Southside Virginian*. It has been a rewarding year and we are sure that each of you has recognized the efforts that Mrs. Davis has made in bringing you new records and insights to aid you in your research. We understand and can appreciate her desire to continue her own research and wish her the best of luck in her future genealogical endeavors. See "Virginia Davis Bids Farewell" later in this issue.

The *Table of Contents and Indexes to Volumes I through VIII* has been shipped to those who have placed orders. We have gotten positive response, and the reviews thus far have been very complimentary. We feel that it is an invaluable aid to anyone doing research in Southside Virginia. In one 244 page, 8½x11 book are the listings of the 350 articles which have appeared in the first eight years of publication, arranged by county. The indexes encompass more than 35,000 individual index entries from these same years. You may order your copy for only $24.50 plus $3.50 shipping (VA residents add $1.10 tax).

We recently received a letter from a new subscriber who was able to extend one line back an additional three generations by utilizing the information contained in her first issue of the magazine. This kind of response makes all of our efforts worth while.

It seems that this last issue was unusually slow in reaching our subscribers. We have had one report that it took approximately a month to travel to a subscriber in Missouri. We assure you that we are doing everything in our power to make it easy on the Postal Service to deliver your magazine on time and in one piece. We are investigating ways to enhance our addressing to allow for more automation by the Postal Service. You may be sure that we are as concerned as you are when you do not receive your magazine on time or at all. Additional costs are involved in mailing replacement issues and in responding to your queries about late deliveries. We thank you for your patience and understanding, and hope that our efforts will help reduce any inconvenience you may experience.

On a different note, beginning with this issue *The Southside Virginian* will be produced on acid-free paper. This is, of course, an added expense, but we feel that the genealogical and historical materials published herein are worthy of preservation. We have been informed that many of our readers, as well as libraries and societies, bind our volumes yearly. We are sorry to say that previous issues were not provided this measure of protection, but any future reprints of those issues will be. This is just another way in which we try to provide you with the best quality for your subscription dollar.

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Chris Hooper, Publications Manager

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Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne (transcribed), *Births From the Bristol Parish Register of Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties, Virginia, 1720-1798.* 133 pp, with a new index, cloth. 1990. $15.00 plus $2.50 shipping, first book; $1.00 each add. This is a reprint of the 1974, 1980 editions. The births of residents of Bristol Parish, which included areas of both Prince George and Dinwiddie counties have been excerpted and reprinted from *The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789* that was originally transcribed and published by Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne in Richmond, VA in 1898. Since both of these counties are burned record counties these records assume even greater importance than is usual. Of further interest is the fact that it is almost impossible to secure a circulating copy from a local library of the Vestry Book and Register as originally published. Given the paucity of information from this area for the colonial period, this is an important reference. **Clearfield Co, 200 E Eager St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (301) 625-9004.**

William Macfarlane Jones, *The Douglas Register, Being a Detailed Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths ... as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750-1797.* 408 pp, Cloth. 1985. $25.00 plus $2.50 shipping, first book; $1.00 each add. This is a reprint of the original 1928 edition. Also reprinted in 1966, 1973, and 1977. William Douglas served St. James Northam Parish in Goochland County, Virginia (Dover Church) beginning in October 1750. He served for twenty-seven years, and also had charge of Maniken Town (King William Parish) for nineteen years, and served in Buckingham County for four years. As a concession to convenience, the author has categorized the entries made by the Rev. Douglas in alphabetical order according to Marriages, Births and Deaths. He has also included an index to Goochland County Wills and notes of the French-Huguenot refugees who lived in Manakin-Town. Because each category of information, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented in alphabetical order, there is no index supplied. This often has the advantage of offering the opportunity to browse, and to discover unexpected relevant information. **Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc, 1001 N Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (800) 727-6687.**

Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *Index to The 1810 Census of Virginia*, xiii, 366 pp, Cloth. 1980. $30.00 plus $2.50 shipping, first book; $1.00 each add. The book, as compiled by Elizabeth Bentley, is, in itself, an alphabetical listing of the heads of households in the 1810 Federal Census of Virginia; therefore no index is required. The last name of the individual, the given name, then the county of residence and then the reference of the page number of the census schedule. As is usual, this book provides a convenient tool for the location of the residence of the individual in question and further investigation of the microfilm copy of that census record. It also provides the necessary direction to pursue the records of that individual in his county of residence. The author has provided a comprehensive Foreword for an understanding of the information available from the 1810 census. **Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc, 1001 N Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (800) 727-6687.**

Walter A. Watson, *Notes on Southside Virginia*, edited by Mrs. Walter A. Watson, under the direction of Wilmer L. Hall (Assistant Librarian, VSL). 346 pp, Indexed, cloth. 1990. $23.50 plus $2.50 shipping, first book; $1.00 each add. Reprint of 1977 edition, originally presented in 1925 as Volume XV, Nos. 2-4, *Bulletin of the*

Virginia State Library. The material for this book was derived entirely from the manuscript books and papers of Judge Watson and are now deposited with the Virginia State Library. His work was compiled by his widow, Constance T. Watson. Judge Watson's notes contain genealogically important information about the residents of Nottoway and Amelia counties. Nottoway is a burned record county. A great variety of source records were drawn upon, including abstracts from both Richmond and other newspapers, church histories, county court records, marriage records and gravestone epitaphs. It is an important contribution to information concerning the residents of this Southside Virginia region. **Clearfield Co, 299 E Eager St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (301) 625-9004.**

Landon C. Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside, Lists of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748-1783.* 503 pp, Illustrated, index, cloth. 1991. $37.50 plus shipping $2.50, first book; $1.00 each add. Reprinted 1974, Originally published, 1931. This book provides much more in the nature of genealogical information, as well as the history of Southside Virginia, than the title of the book implies. The lists of tithables for the years 1748-1751 embrace the area of contemporary Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Campbell, Bedford and Appomattox counties. The author presents a history of the Southside in his Introduction and explains the genesis of the Southwestern expansion. He discusses the routes into the Southwest as well. His book not only identifies the residents and their place of residence at a given year, but he provides a blueprint of the migration of Southside Virginia. As a respected researcher, Bell's book is a must. **Clearfield Co, 299 E Eager St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (301) 625-9004.**

Maude Carter Clement, *The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia,* 340 pp, Illustrated, index, appendices, footnotes, cloth. 1987. $21.50 plus shipping $2.50, first book; $1.00 each add. Reprint of book originally published in 1929. This is a well written, highly readable and authoritative county history. Included in the footnoting are many detailed genealogical identifications and explanations. Pittsylvania County was formed in 1767 and the history includes a wealth of material on the parent counties of Lunenburg and Halifax; also the neighboring counties of Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Bedford and Campbell. The appendices offer lists of tithables, sheriffs, justices and other officials of the county. It is invaluable to those who claim descent from early residents of the county, and interesting reading for all of those interested in the history of Southside Virginia. **Regional Publishing Co. (Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc.), 1001 N Calvert St, Baltimore, MD 21202. (800) 727-6687.**

Weynette Parks Haun, *Surry County, Virginia Court Records, 1691-1700, Book V,* vii, 154 pp, Index, paper (8½ x 11). 1991. $22.50 postpaid. This verbatim transcription of the Surry County record book is the fifth in the series of Surry County publications. It is a major work of dedication, and is a faithful transcription of this early book. Ms. Haun is experienced in reading and interpreting the unusual and inconsistent handwriting of the clerks of the early colonial courts. As one of the earliest counties, and one in which the major portion of the records have been preserved, it is a major contribution to the identification and verification of early settlers, their activities and places of residence. Ms. Haun is to be commended for her tireless efforts in making these records available to the public in such readable and useable form.

Write the author for a listing of her other publications and for the purchase of this book at **243 Argonne Dr, Durham, NC 27704.**

John P. Alcock, *Five Generations of the Family of Burr Harrison of Virginia, 1650-1800,* viii, 284 pp, Appendices, map, index, end notes, bibliography, paper. 1991. $25.00 plus $3.00 shipping. Burr Harrison is known to have been in Westmoreland County in 1659, and even with the gaps in the county court records, his life has been documented well in Mr. Alcock's book. He and his wife have done meticulous research and have presented in well documented detail the lives of four generations of Burr Harrison, as well as the lives of Thomas Harrison, Cuthbert Harrison, Mathew Harrison, George Harrison, William Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. He also presents descendants in Kentucky and Ohio and Calvert (Harris) Harrison of Newberry County, South Carolina. Other families covered: Whitledge, Barton, Wallis, Linton, Bullitt, Fowke, Gibson, Gillison, Hunston, Peyton and Quarles. It is exciting to read such a detailed, readable and well researched account of this early Virginia family. **Heritage Books, Inc, 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. (301) 390-7709.**

James A. Mumper, *I Wrote You Word - The Poignant Letters of Private Holt — John Lee Holt, 1829-1863,* 158 pp, Appendices, photographs, sample letter, endnotes. 1991. $20.00 plus $2.00 shipping (VA res. add 4.5% tax). Two grt grddaughters of Pvt. Holt, M. Ellen Bailey and Mary A. Dalby compiled this work which was edited by Mr. Mumper (now deceased). Over 100 letters written by Pvt. Holt to his wife during the period 19 July 1861 to 30 June 1863 are presented. These letters are transcribed in their entirety with (mis)spellings and punctuation retained. His letters reflect, in great detail, the hardships of the war period and the associations he had with the others he came in contact with. Interspersed throughout are the editor's comments pertaining to historical facts which place Pvt. Holt's passages in perspective. This is a good source for anyone wishing to understand more fully the impact that the Civil War had on the everyday people charged with carrying out the mechanics of warfare. It would have been made complete and a more useful tool for genealogists had an index been included. It may be purchased from the compilers: **M. Ellen Bailey, Rt. 3, Box 148, Bridgewater, VA 22812** or **Mary A. Dalby, 120 Keesling Ave, Salem, VA 24153.**

Virginia Davis Bids Farewell.....

It is with both regret and anticipation that I announce my resignation as Research Editor and as a partner in the publishing of *The Southside Virginian.* I have enjoyed hearing from so many subscribers and trying to meet their requests, and I shall miss that. The research involved in writing *Tidewater Virginia Families* beckons me to continue this type of research. New information is constantly coming to light concerning Tidewater families, and I look forward to pursuing further research in this area. I am sure that our paths will continue to cross.

Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Selections from Deed Books 19 (1821-1822) & 20 (1822-1824)

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Conclusion - Continued from Vol. X No. 1, pp 29-31.

Editor's Note: *These deeds were selected by Mr. Kolbe to show the migration patterns of Mecklenburg County residents.*

Selections from Mecklenburg County Deed Book 19, 1821 - 1822

p. 243 Receive of John C. Goode $850 in payment for the following negroes: William, Betsey and child, they being negroes I purchased of my brother Anderson Bottom of Henderson Co., Kentucky, having been allotted to him as his portion of the estate of our deceased father Wilkinson Bottom of Mecklenburg County.

dated: 2 October 1821 recorded: 6 October 1821

Wit: Ch. Haskins, John Winckler, Fred. Wall

p. 244 Wilson Bottom and Elizabeth his wife of Henderson County, Kentucky to Patrick H. Foster 55 acres.

dated: 8 October 1821 recorded: 8 October 1821

Wit: Will H. Hamnes

p. 276 Reuben Dennington and Polly his wife of Knox County, Tennessee are entitled to 1/7 part of the estate of Reuben Wright deceased of Mecklenburg County, the father of said Polly. Being desirous of selling their interest in the estate sell their interest to Smith Palmer and William Wright of Mecklenburg County.

dated: 2 October 1821 recorded: 19 November 1821

Wit: Thomas Massey, Elijah Law

p. 319 James Hester and Mary his wife of Mecklenburg sell to James Towns of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and William Townes of Mecklenburg County 80 acres.

dated: 26 November 1821 recorded: 26 November 1821

p. 342 Shirley Tisdale of Northampton County, North Carolina to William Stone of Mecklenburg, the said Shirley Tisdale's right to land belonging

to the estate of Edmund Tisdale deceased of Mecklenburg containing 44 1/2 acres.

dated: 4 January 1822 recorded: 21 January 1822

Wit: Thomas Coleman, F. Brown, Willis Jones, Samuel Stone, Warner C. Keeton, James Y. Richardson, Jradan Mason

p. 417 James Palmer of Madison County, Illinois and late of Christian County, Kentucky to Elijah Puryear power of attorney to perform the following business. James Hester late of Mecklenburg County was the father of my wife Martha Palmer formerly Hester, died leaving Martha one of his heirs at law. Elijah Puryear authorized to receive my portion of the estate of James Hester.

dated: 19 March 1819 recorded: 15 April 1822

p. 418 Wm. L. Alexander adm. & guard. to the heirs of Wm. Glasgow deceased of Smith County, Tennessee to Elijah Puryear power of attorney to recover from the ex. of Henry Averett and Wilmouth his wife deceased money due as a legacy.

dated: 5 November 1821 recorded: 15 April 1822

p. 441 Marvil Stone of Covinton County, Mississippi to Stephen P. Pool of Mecklenburg County power of attorney to receive equal part of the estate of Stephen Stone deceased.

dated: 1 May 1822 recorded: 20 May 1822

Wit: Noble Ladd, James Stone

p. 443 William M. Swepson of Mecklenburg from Thomas Pinson and Lucy Pinson of Clark County, Georgia land on waters of Bluestone Creek containing 36 acres it being Pensons part of the tract on which Caleb Johnson resided as divided by the commissioners.

dated: 3 October 1821 recorded: 20 May 1822

Selections from Mecklenburg County Deed Book 20, 1822 - 1824

p. 11 Thomas Pittard and his wife Mary of Mecklenburg to James Pittard of Granville, North Carolina 50 acres in Mecklenburg County.

dated: 29 January 1822 recorded: 20 May 1822

p.59 Permelia A. Parkison formerly Tisdale and her husband Peter L. Parkison of City of Richmond to William Stone of Mecklenburg their right to a tract of land belonging to the estate of Edward Tisdale deceased lying in Mecklenburg County and containing 44 1/2 acres.

dated: 22 July 1822 recorded: 6 August 1822

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Will of Mary Wilkins, 1711

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Wilkins being in good health of body & of Sound & perfect mind & memory — Praise bee Therefore given to Almighty God, doe make & Ordaine this my p'nt. last will & Testament in manner & fforme ffollowing (that is to say) first & principally I — comend my Soul into ye hands of Almighty God hopeing through the merits, Death and passion, of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life, and my body do committ to the Earth to be dencently buried, at the discretion of my Exo^{rs}: hereafter named and as touching the disposition of all such temporall estate, as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon, I give and dispose therefore as followeth — ffirst I will that my debts Shall be paided & discharged

Item: I give to ffras: (Francis) Wilkins my negro women — Phillis to him and his heirs for ever he to give to W$^{m.}$ Wilkins when of age y^{e} oldest child of her body then liveing after the hereof —

Item: I give to Jn$^{o.}$ (John) Wilkins son to y^{e} said FFra: Wilkins twentie shillings

Item: I give to Mary Wilkins daughter to y^{e} s$^{d.}$ ffras: twentie shillings and one Gold ring—

Item: I give to Eliz^{a}: (Elizabeth) Wilkins daughter to y^{e} s^{d} ffra: twentie shillings

Item: I give to W$^{m.}$ (William) Wilkins son of Jo$^{n.}$ Wilkins my feather bed & furniture Six leather Chairs, one table Six large pewter Dishes one Iron pott one fryeing pann and ten pounds —

Item: I give to y^{e} s^{d} W$^{m.}$ Wilkins the oldest Child of my Negro Phillis Which Shall be Liveing when he Comes of age that that [*sic*] shee brings after the date thereof to him and his Heires for ever and my will is if he dies before he come of age the Child to be given to Mary Wilkins the Daughter of ffra: Wilkins to her and her heirs for <u>ever</u>.

Item: I give to ffra: Wilkins daughter of Jn$^{o.}$ Wilkins twentie Shillings my will & meaning is that the above given four pounds be payed by ffras: Wilkins out of y^{e} ten pounds due to me from for A Negro boy Calleo tom and to be payed in tob. at price Currant

my will is t[*hat*] y^{e} sd ffra: Wilkins pay fourteen Shillg out of y^{e} s$^{d.}$ ten pounds for my funerall and y^{e} remainder I give to him — for the bringing up of the Child by me given to W$^{m.}$ Wilkins

Item: I give to my Negro Women, all my wearing "Cloaths — all The rest and Residue" of my Estate goods and Chattel Whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto my Loving Sons Jn$^{o.}$ and ffra. Wilkins full Exo$^{rs.}$ of This my Last will and Test$^{mt.}$ and I doe hereby revoke [*strikethrough*] disanull and make voide all former wills and Test$^{mts.}$ by me heretofore made for wittness

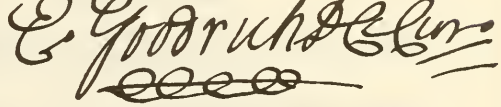
Whereof I The Said Mary Wilkins to this my last will and Test$^{mt.}$ sett my hand and Seal the 24th day of Jany: 1708/9.

Mary + Wilkins
her mark

Test: Gilb. Hay
Susanna *H* Hay
her mark
Sus$^{a.}$ *H* Hay Jun$^{r.}$
her mark

Pr. Geo County Court ye 11 day of 7ber, ye 1711

The above written last Will & Testament of Mary Wilkins decd was proved in Open court by ye Oaths of all ye Wittnesses Thereto & as Prob$^{t.}$ Thereof granted to John & ffra Wilkins Ex$^{rs.}$ named Therein & at their prayer ye Same was ordered to bee recorded & it is duly recorded.



Test E. Goodrich DC Clerk

From Prince George County *Deeds, Wills, Etc. 1710-1713 Book B*, pp74-75.

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Marriage Bonds 1816-1824

Transcribed by Anne Bradbury Peebles

Conclusion - Continued from Vol. IX No. 3, pp 111-113

During the War Between the States in the summer of 1864, the courthouse at Prince George was burned, and along with it most of the early records of the county court. Some individuals, who resided in the county and knew of the disaster, brought their copies of some of these vital records to the courthouse to be recorded. Anne Bradbury Peebles went through the packets of loose papers and abstracted and indexed these wills, marriage bonds and other papers so that the information would be available to the public. She listed those wills and marriage bonds for the years before 1865, noting that only one will predated 1800.

1833, 2 Jan.	Daniel Eppes and Phoebe Moody. Ro. Gilliam, Senr., D.C. Executed 3 January.
1833, 16 Jan.	Christopher Rispess and Agnes Stackhouse. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 16 January.
1833, 13 Mar.	Pleasant Nunnally and Lucy A. Perkinson. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 13 March.
1833, 13 Mar.	John Perkinson and Emeline T. Eppes. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 13 March.
1833, 20 May	Bond issued by L. Lanier, Clerk of Sussex County. For marriage Edmund H. Daniel and Sarah L. Peebles.
1833, 10 Sept.	Robert Hall and Lucy Whitmore. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 12 September.
1833, 25 Nov.	George W. Cummings and Elizabeth Stackhouse. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 25 November.
1833, 11 Dec.	John R. Cole to Mary H. Williams. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 11 December.
1833, 16 Dec.	Benjamin Moore and Martha A. M. Spain. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 19 December.

1833, 21 Dec. Richard Avera and Nancy Moore.
Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 21 December.

1834, 15 Feb. William Brockwell to Catharine H. Livesay.
Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 20 February.

1834, 3 Oct. Henry Tinch and Elizabeth Williams.
Ro. Gilliam, Senr., Clerk. Executed 23 October.

1834, 28 Oct. Robert Jenkins and Polly Sykes, colored.
Ro. Gilliam, Senr., D.C. Executed 30 October.

1835, 7 Jan. John S. Eppes and Ann Hackney.
Ro. Gilliam, Senr., Clerk *pro tempore*. Executed 7 January.

1835, 8 Jan. William R. Marks and Mary Fewqua.
Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 8 January.

1835, 22 Jan. Thomas Daniel and Elizabeth D. Newell.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 22 January.

1835, 4 Feb. James Williams and Sally Ann R. Smith.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 18 Februray.

1835, 18 Feb. Travis H. Wamack and Rozena Wamack.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 18 February.

1835, 2 Jun. John Hite and Eliza Eppes.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 3 June.

1835, 16 Oct. Eppes Tatum and Adaline J. Gill.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 16 October.

1836, 1 Feb. William Brockwell and Elizabeth Susan Beigleston [?].
Ro. Gilliam, Jr., D.C. Executed ___.

1836, 2 Feb. James W. E. Butts and Virgilla A. Harrison.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 2 February.

1836, 12 Feb. William W. Rives and Ann Fisher.
Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 12 February.

1836, 5 Apr. James T. Bratton and Jane R. Lubbock.
Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 6 April.

1836, 19 Sept. William Cummings and Jane White.
Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 20 September.

1836, 22 Dec.	William H. Thompson and Rebecca A. Hobbs. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 27 December.
1836, 24 Dec.	Jesse Cartwright and Elizabeth Adaline Brown. Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 24 December.
1837, 15 Feb.	Robert W. S. Tatum and Martha B. Harris. Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 15 February.
1837, 14 Mar.	James A. Thompson and Mary M. Hobbs. Sturdivant, Clerk. Executed 16 March.
1837, 18 Apr.	Joseph M. Hobbs and Sarah Jones. Ro. Gilliam, Sr., Clerk. Executed 20 April.
1837, 13 May	Richard Buck and Omey Artis, free colored. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 15 December.
1837, 2 Aug.	Josiah Titmash and Susan E. Temple. Ro. Gilliam..... Executed 3 August.
1837, 30 Oct.	George E. Clarke and Margaret Williams. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 2 November.
1837, 8 Dec.	Cornelius Graves and Eliza Chappell. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 8 December.
1837, 18 Dec.	Herbert W. Hobbs and Mariah P. Burrow. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 21 December.
1837, 28 Dec.	Peyton Harrison and Nancy Thomas Phillips. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 3 December. [*i.e., 3 January, 1838*]
1838, 12 Jan.	Richard E. Richardson and Sally S. Williams. Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 16 January.
1838, 13 Jan.	John Brockwell and Mary Livesay. Ro. Gilliam, Senr., Clerk. Executed 20 January.
1838, 19 Feb.	Baker A. Sheffield and Mary R. Rives. R. Henry Batte, D.C. Executed ___.
1838, 24 Apr.	Uriah Williams and Susan Tench. R. Henry Batte, D.C. Executed 25 April.
1838, 21 Dec.	Wilie Hite and Alivia Ann Hackney. Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 25 December.

1839, 16 Jan. John B. Harris and Sarah Hackney.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 16 January.

1839, 15 Feb. James Tinney and Wilmouth A. Wamack.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed ___.

[*Printed license forms began to appear about this period*]

1839, 20 Feb. John Nickle and Lucretia White.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed ____.

1839, 13 Mar. William H. Griffith and Elizabeth Ann M. Wilkinson.
Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 14 March.

1839, 23 May Briggs Rives and Elizabeth A. H. B. Wells.
Ro. Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 30 May.

1839, 8 Oct. Robert Harrison and Eliza Livesay.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 8 October.

1839, 16 Dec. Alexander Barker and AmiJane [*sic*] Tatum.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 26 December. Certificate to the Clerk of Pr. George by T. B. Bryant, 16 March 1840.

1840, 29 Aug. Christopher Marks and Harriet Livesay.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 3 September.

1840, 10 Sep. Robert Coleman, Jr., and Sarah Holloway.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 10 September.

1840, 17 Sep. Sampson Johnston and Ann Brockwell.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 17 September.

1840, 8 Dec. Richworth Mason and Lucy Ann Moody.
Robert Gilliam , Clerk. Executed 17 December.

1840, 16 Dec. Edward Rives and Elizabeth Livesay.
Robert Gilliam, Clerk. Executed 17 December.

1840, 23 Dec. George M. Curtis and Mary Ann Folkes.
Robert H. Batte, D.C. Executed 24 December.

Concluded

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Selections from Halifax County Deed Books 23 - 25 (1811 - 1815)

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Editor's Note: These powers of attorney recorded in the Halifax County Deed Books were selected and abstracted by Mr. Kolbe to identify persons who migrated from Halifax County; to give their place of residence and their continued ties with the county of Halifax. They are presented with the deed book number first and then the page number in that book.

Editor's Note: This entry was omitted in the Halifax County Powers of Attorney 1752-1811 presented in The Southside Virginian *Vol. II No. 3, pp.114-125.*

DB 22, p. 463 Thomas Atkinson of Halifax County to George Collins of Halifax power of attorney to obtain negro girl Frances. Removed to a western county by John Atkinson Jr. and my wife.

dated: 20 August 1810 recorded: 27 August 1810

DB 23, p. 73 Whereas William Evans of Montgomery County, Maryland by his will executed 9 February 1805 bequeathed after death of Elizabeth Essex daughter of Mary his wife, the whole of his estate to be divided among the children of Peggy Ferguson wife of Nathaniel Ferguson. Levi Ferguson, son of Peggy, and Nathaniel Ferguson her husband, now a citizen of Halifax County to William Oliver of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to receive what is due me in Maryland.

dated: 27 May 1811 recorded: 27 May 1811

DB 23, p. 201 Peter Vaser, William C. Vaser, George R. Vaser, Elizabeth C. Vaser, Catharine C. Vaser, Lucy A. Vaser all children of William Vaser and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson deceased, late of Amelia County, all of Halifax County to Edward D. Jones of Caswell County, North Carolina power of attorney to recover legacies due us from the estate of our grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson deceased late of Amelia.

dated: 28 October 1811 recorded: 28 October 1811

DB 23, p. 433 James Ligon of Henderson County, Kentucky to John Ligon of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to recover monies due me in Halifax County from Jachonias Overby and Peter Overby his security and from the representatives of James Wilson my former attorney.

dated: 6 March 1812 recorded: 27 May 1812

DB 23, p. 493 Thomas White of Davidson County, Tennessee to George A. Iron of Halifax County power of attorney to handle my business in Halifax especially with Ephraim Thweatt who owes me money for the land which I sold him.

dated: 21 March 1812 recorded: 22 June 1812

DB 24, p. 19 Madison County, Georgia, Dabney Gholston to Fanny Gholston wife of Joseph Gholston deceased and Anthony Gholston of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to act for me as respects my part of the estate of my mother Mary Gholston deceased it being left her by Anthony Gholston.

dated: 5 February 1812 recorded: 28 September 1812

DB 24, p. 164 Putnam County, Georgia

William Watkins and Nancy Watkins to William Standfield of Halifax County power of attorney to receive from Timothy Holt adm. of the estate of Robert Holt late of Halifax whatever money due us as heirs at law of Robert Holt deceased.

dated: 7 June 1812 recorded: 25 January 1813

DB 24, p. 170 Abraham T. Echols of Ohio County, Virginia to Joseph Echols of Campbell County, Virginia power of attorney to receive what due me by death of my father, Joseph Echols of Halifax County, Virginia, and sell land in Reckoway County, (?).

dated: 20 September 1812 recorded: 22 February 1813

DB 24, p. 387 Robert P. Poole of Breckenridge County, Kentucky to Augustine P. Poole of Granville County, North Carolina power of attorney to receive money due me.

dated: 3 March 1813 recorded: 27 September 1813

DB 24, p. 472 Warner Brown of Halifax County, James Chalmers and Nancy his wife of Mecklenburg County, to Robert Brown of Charlotte

County power of attorney to recover monies that may be due us in Matthews County.

dated: 27 December 1813 recorded: 27 December 1813

DB 24, p. 550 John Robertson of Chester District, South Carolina to Thomas Boyd Junr. of Halifax County power of attorney to handle the estate of my father which shall fall to him from the estate of my grandfather John Robertson deceased of Granville County, North Carolina.

dated: 19 March 1814 recorded: 28 March 1814

DB 25, p. 130 Robert C. Williams of Halifax County ex. of the will of William Williams Sr. deceased to William Williams Jr. of Montgomery County, Tennessee power of attorney.

dated: 28 November 1814 recorded: 28 November 1814

DB 25, p. 198 Elbert County, Georgia James Hunt and wife Mary alias Mary Vasser to my father Richardson Hunt power of attorney to sell 225 acres in Halifax County, Virginia part of real estate of George Vasser, late of Halifax County, Virginia deceased and now aloted to Mary Vasser now Mary Hunt as heir and distributee of George Vasser deceased.

dated: 18 November 1814 recorded: 27 February 1815

DB 25, p. 312 Andrew Moody of Warren County, Kentucky to John Temple of Staunton, Virginia power of attorney to sell 300 acres in Halifax County, Virginia sold to me by Ransom Amos of Barren County, Kentucky and Polly his wife, in a deed dated 8 November 1814. Land sold to Nathaniel Barksdale of Halifax County, Virginia.

dated: 18 April 1815 recorded: 26 June 1815

DB 25, p. 361 Pettus Ragland of Halifax County, Virginia to John Terry Colquett of Hancock County, Georgia power of attorney to sell 287 1/2 acres of land in Oglethorp County, Georgia and a lot in Petersburg in the state aforesaid. The 287 1/2 acres is in the possession of John Halloway and lot in possession of Mr. Ragland.

dated: 23 May 1815 recorded: 24 July 1815

DB 25, p. 429 Saml. Ward of Oglethorpe County, Georgia to his son Willie Ward power of attorney to sell land in Halifax County.

dated: 9 August 1815 recorded: 25 September 1815

DB 25, p. 485 Ambrose Gresham of Halifax County, Virginia for one bay mare and $10.00 discharge Benona Gresham of all money left for my benefit by will of John Edmondson deceased late of Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Benona Gresham given power of attorney to collect what is due Ambrose Gresham.

dated: 26 July 1815 recorded: 25 December 1815

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CARTERS TAVERN

The following Virginia State Historical Marker is located in Halifax County adjacent to Route 659, approximately 3½ miles east of the Pittsylvania county line.

U47
Carters Tavern

Samuel and Elizabeth Carter operated
an ordinary here from about 1808 until
the 1840s. It is one of many historic
buildings remaining along River Road,
which, as the then principal roadway between
Halifax Court House and Danville, formed
a link in the main stage road between
New York and New Orleans. The smaller
and earliest section of Carter's Tavern
was built by Joseph Dodson,
who died in 1773.

Some Sussex County Marriages

Contributed by Christine Levet Gerbel

Continued from Vol. IX, No. 3, pp. 130-131

Recorded in *Marriage Register 1754-1850*, Sussex County Circuit Court

Some Marriage Returns of Minister James Rogers

Year 1807

William Neblett and Lucrecy Wynne January the 7th
Pinkey Tyus and Polly Niblett January the 8th
Ephraim Wynne and Fereby (Feneby?) Owen January the 22nd
Gilbert (Hay?) and Fanney Rollings January the 2nd
William (Masey?) and Nancy Grizzard March the 28th
David Owen and Polley Bell April the 16th
George Smith and Salley Hanson Garretson April 15th
Solomon Graves and Polley Pennington April 29th
Isaac Andrews and Patsey Loften April the 30th
Thomas Dunn and Betsey Cureton July the 1st
Joel Johnson and (Sillas?) Johnson June 11th
Nathaniel Newson and Eliz. Whitehorn June 22nd
Benjamin Melone and Judith Moyles (Moyler?) June the 18th
George Melone and Martha Chambliss June 23rd
Edward Pegram and Dorotha Gilliam June 24th
Anthony Mason and Patsey Lanier June 31st
Thomas Potts and Lucy Graves September the 3rd
William Hay and Eliz. Bollins (Rollins?) December the 2nd
Benjamin Wynne and Salley D. Wall November the 26th
James Thomas and Eliz. Horn November the 5th

Some Marriages Solemnized by Nath. Chambliss

Year 1818

Etheldred Barker and Scintha Tuder August 27
Robert P Archer and Susan D Clark September 3
Littleberry Partrige and Susana Flowers October 8
Robert Eldrige and Rebecca M Parham November 12
Benjamin Pennington and Nancy E Sturdivant December 23

John Slate and Zilpha Linn December 31

Year 1819

Bolin Dunn and Priscilla Linn March 31
Lewellin Jackson and Milley Hunt April 8
James Gilbert and Polley Roe April 28
Thomas Spain and Lucy Poarch May 20
Jones Wilborne and Elizabeth Fanner August 5
Gray Winne and Rebeca Abronatha September 22
Edward Branescromb and Elizabeth May November 25
William Saunders and Mary Bailey December 8

Year 1820

John Huson and Margaret Hay April 27
Henry Horn and Chery Hobbs June 1
Edwin Niblitt (Neblett?) and Ann C Winne June 28
Patrick H Harrison and Elizabeth King September 26
Fredrick Bucker (Beecher?) and Frances Epps December 7
Samuel Andres and Salley Collier December 28

Year 1821

Billey Butcher and Lidia Hunt March 29
Green Bobbitt and Martha A Sledge April 24
John Ezel and Martha Williams June 7
George Sturdivant and Salley Sturdivant September 5
John Williams and Elizabeth Ezell September 19
Semore Powell and Elizabeth Boland December 4
James Grippis (Griffis?) and Amy Zills December 13
John Davis and Judith Underwood December 19
William Horn and Nancy Davis December 20
Kinchin (?) Haills and Willia (Wilma?) N Anderes December 27

Year 1822

David Prince and Martha Bailey January 2

Some Marriages Solemnized by Green Adams

I do hereby certify that I have solemnized the rites of matrimony, by authority of licenses issued from the clerk's office of Sussex County Court, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Methodist Episcopal Church ... the following persons,

1831	September 21st	Between	Reese Felts and Mary Jones
"	October 19	"	William G Skillman and Martha A Grigg
"	November 13	"	Sylvanus Owen and Elizabeth Stuart

1832	March 23	"	Joel Harris and Sarah E Grizzard
"	July 28	"	Sterling Pugger (?) and L.... Stokes
"	October 22	"	Samuel Rawlings and Polly Parsons
"	December 13	"	Benjamin Harris and Mary R Whitehorn
"	December 29	"	Richard B Underwood and Mary A Harwood
"	December 20	"	John Bush and Rebecca Wright
1833	February 25	"	William E Newsom and Susan Averst(?)
"	May 11	"	Mark James and Angelina H Morris
"	August 9	"	Jesse Lee and Lucy Parham
1834	July 21	"	Samuel G Hardaway and Eliza F Grigg
"	September 15	"	Thomas S Hardaway and Rebecca B Mason
1835	February 25	"	Fortunatus E Richardson and Ann Eliza Grigg
"	November 7	"	Alexander M Spence and Ann Hogwood
"	November 28	"	John L Barham and Martha P Newsom
"	December 14	"	Charles Ivy and Emma Haill
1836	January 11	"	Gray Barker and Rebecca Long
"	February 1	"	Thomas Newton and Frances L Macklemore
"	April 6	"	Cargill Lester and Mary Tuder
"	July 14	"	James Seaborn and Susan Newsom
"	December 10	"	Robert Jelks and Margaret Travis
1837	January 16	"	William C Batle and Frances A Grigg
"	January 30	"	Albert G Neves and Mary Ann Mason
"	October 2	"	Augustus T Westbrook and Emily Grizzard
1838	January 12	"	Thomas Westbrook and Mary Jane Grizzard
"	February 10	"	Raines P Travis and Elizabeth G Nicholson
"	April 17	"	Hartwell Adams and Fanny Underwood
"	May 1	"	Anthony G Harris and Mary L Thomas

Green Adams
Southampton County, Virginia
2nd January 1839

Returned to Clerk's Office of Sussex County Court the 3rd day of January 1839 and recorded, *Teste.* L. Lanier

St. Paul's Church

Transcribed by S. Kathryn Hooper

Location: 100 yards east of Hurtsville, Virginia on Route #625.

Date: 1875

Owners: Members of the Church.

Description: This little church is built of logs and is very neat in appearance. Between the logs, cement has been placed and painted white. The entrance is plain. New pews have replaced the old hand made ones. The room is lighted by six windows, each sash containing four ten by twelve panes. The original pulpit, which was donated by a Church in Richmond, has been taken out, and a platform about twelve inches high has been built, upon this and about five feet back, the alter has been placed. Back of the alter, there is another raise of about twelve inches, and a chancel rail built. Back of this rail with about five feet of space, comes the communion stand, with a small space at its back for the minister to stand. One small room occupies space on either side of the pulpit, one of which is used as a library for the Sunday School.

Historical Significance:

St. Paul's is the only Episcopal Church ever built in Appomattox County (*as of 1937*). Rev. Robert Gibson was the first preacher at this church. A number of years later he became Bishop of Virginia. Another beloved man preached here for a good many years, Dr. Hugo Lacy. This church, like many of the early churches, found its beginning in the home. John R. Hughes who returned to Richmond after the War Between the States, broken in health but not in spirit, undertook to take up where he had left off in the business world, failing to regain his health, his Doctor advised him to move to the country. Packing up every thing he started out with his little family for "Oakley" the home of an Aunt in Prince Edward County. Traveling part of the way by rail, and the rest by any means convenient, he reached his objective. Later on his father bought this place and gave it to him. Out of this house grew St. Paul's Church. Mrs. Hughes, being a very religious woman, saw the need of a Sunday School for her children, and no church being near by, started a school in

her home with her children as the only scholars. In a short time the neighbors sent their children. The school grew and flourished for a long time. Being so successful in this, and seeing the need of a church, she wrote to Rev. Churchill Gibson of Petersburg, Virginia, told him the story of her success with her school and asked him to help. He made a trip to her home, and from time to time held services there. By 1870 the congregation had outgrown the home, and plans were made to build a church. There arose quite a difference of opinion when it came to giving a name to the church. One faction favored "Oakley" in honor of Mrs. Hughes, who was really the founder of the church. Finally the name of St. Paul's was agreed upon. Mrs. Hughes father, Dr. John Dove of Richmond, Virginia, a vestryman in old St. James Church, gave the money to buy the land for the church, which at that time was owned by Mrs. J. T. Hardy. Work was begun at once, large forest pine trees were cut and hewn from the land on which the church was built. As soon as the walls were up and the roof on, Sunday School was started. Children and adults alike used the sleepers for benches. Due to the fact that saw mills were scarce, it was some time before the floor was laid. The nearest mill was some ten miles away. This was run by water which made sawing very slow compared with our present day mills. It was at this mill the material for floors, windows and doors was produced. The following gentlemen were elected as the first to serve as vestrymen, with Rev. Robert Gibson as minister. John R. Hughes, Richard Watkins, George D. Sanders, and J. W. Jones. Some of the preachers who served following Rev. Gibson were Rev. George Webb, Rev. Thomas Jones, Rev. Elliott Boykin, Rev. Baker P. Lee, Dr. Thomas Hugo Lacy and Rev. R. E. Withers. The church was not completed and dedicated until June 9th, 1875, with a rather large membership. But today only thirteen names can be found on the roll to carry on the work. No old records can be found and according to statements of both Mrs. John Hurt and Rev. R. E. Withers, no records seem to have been kept of the activities of the church until about five years ago.

Sources of Information:

Informant: Mrs. John Hurt, Hurtsville, Virginia

Research made by E. Lewis Paulette, Pamplin, VA, March 31, 1937

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A Chesterfield County Chancery Suit

Submitted by Benjamin B. Weisiger III

A chancery suit in Chesterfield County, found among the Ended Chancery Causes, involving the numerous heirs of the aged and unmarried Judith Archer in 1841 illustrates the value of these documents. This particular suit shows the heirs of John Archer, Sr. of Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, who died in 1773. In his will, dated 5 Sept. 1773 and probated 3 December 1773, he names his children: John, Henry, Sarah Archer, Judith Archer and Ann Robertson and grandchildren Christopher and Archer Branch. [a] [b]

Judith herself died in 1831, apparently at least 80 years old, in Chesterfield, leaving a will dated 23 Nov. 1830 and probated 4 Feb. 1831. [c] In it she named Susan D. Archer, widow of her deceased nephew, Robert P. Archer; her nephew Richard Henry Archer; grandniece Margaret Archer, daughter of John Archer of Bermuda Hundred; grandniece Amanda Malvina Archer, daughter of John; grandniece Elizabeth Archer Robinson (sic) of Goose Island; niece Elizabeth Randolph Archer. Samuel Taylor and Parke Poindexter were named executors, but refused to serve. Estate was turned over to Thomas Stratton, the Sheriff of Chesterfield Co.

The Case of Judith Archer's legatees *vs* Judith Archer's Administrator is found in Ended Chancery Causes 1750-1860, 1841 Box and is as follows:

"To the Hon. Court of Chesterfield in Chancery Sitting: The said Susan D. Archer, Lewis Owen & Frances his wife, Bolivar Archer and Mary Archer, the said Frances, Bolivar and Mary by their next friend as aforesaid, by leave of court for that purpose granted, and by amendment to their bill heretofore filed, show that, after payment of the testator's debts and the legacies contained in her will, it is believed a residue will remain as to which she died intestate, and which is consequently distributable among all of her next of kin: that she had two brothers, John and Henry Archer, and three sisters Martha Branch, Sarah Archer and Ann Robertson, all of whom she survived."

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[a] Chesterfield County *Will Book #2*, p.28
[b] Chesterfield County *Order Book #5*, p.378
[c] Chesterfield County *Will Book #12*, p.24

I John Archer had the following children:

1. Peter F. Archer, who died before the testatrix leaving the following children: Martha F. Haskins, wife of Robert Haskins, John A. Archer, Peter F. Archer, William W. Archer who has died since the testatrix and John Goode Jr. is his administrator, Sally R. Jones, wife of John Jones of Geo., Mary Archer and Louisa C. Ferguson, wife of David Ferguson; and the following grandchildren: Cincinnatus, Tiberius, Telemachus and Ulysses Jones, children of his dec'd daughter Elizabeth T. Jones.

2. Eliza Ferguson, wife of David Ferguson

3. Martha H. Robertson, who died before the testatrix, leaving the following children: John Alexander Robertson, George Q. Robertson, James Robertson, Francis Robertson, Elizabeth Robertson, Masin Robertson and Caroline Robertson, which last died since the testatrix.

4. Ann Archer, who married Robert Robinson, and died before the testatrix, leaving issue, Robert Robinson,.

5. Mary Rock, who died before the testatrix, leaving a daughter Eliza, now wife of Simon Cullen.

6. John Archer of Bermuda Hundred

II Henry Archer died before the testatrix leaving children:

1. Robert P. Archer, who died before her, leaving a widow, your oratrix, Susan D. Archer, and 5 children: Frances, Bolivar, and Mary, and also Virginia, who died an infant since said Judith, and Peter R. Archer, who died more recently, having first by deed of record in this county, conveyed to your oratrix, Susan D., his interest, being a ninth, in the estate of his dec'd sister Virginia.

2. John R. Archer

3. Richard H. Archer

4. Elizabeth R. Archer, who is insane, and Richard H. Archer is her committee.

III Martha Branch left a son Archer Branch, who died before the testatrix, leaving children: Christopher Branch, Maria V. Branch and Cyrus Branch; and another son, Chris Branch, who left a daughter, who left a son, William Howlett, which last died before the testatrix without issue.

IV Ann Robertson left the following children:

1. James Robertson, who has died in the present year and Lawson Nunnally, Sheriff of this county, is his administrator.
2. John Archer Robertson
3. George Robertson
4. William H. Robertson
5. Mary Robertson, now wife of John Royall Robertson
6. Theod. Robertson, who, it is said, sold his entire interest in testatrix's estate to John B. Goode.

V Sarah Archer left the following children:

1. William Epes Archer
2. Mary Archer, wife of William Goodwin
3. Sarah R. Archer, who died since the testatrix, and Wright Mann is her administrator.
4. John H. Archer, who died before the testatrix, leaving the following children: Edward J. Archer, Branch O. Archer and Eliza, now wife of Roger Scott.

Whereupon your orators and oratrixes pray that said Richard Henry Archer of Amelia, John Clark and Margaret his wife of Charles City, specific legatees under the will of the testatrix, likewise Robert Haskins and Martha F. his wife, John A. Archer, John Goode, Jr., Adm'r. of William W. Archer, dec'd, James Robertson, John Archer of Bermuda, Christopher Branch, Maria V. Branch, William Epes Archer, William Goodwin and Mary his wife, Edward J. Archer, Branch O. Archer, Leonard Nunnally, Adm'r. of James Robertson, Wright W. Mann, Adm'r. of Sarah R. Archer and William Howlett of Chesterfield County, John Alexander Robertson, George Q. Robertson, Frances Robertson, Elizabeth Robertson and Caroline Robertson, William H. Robertson and John R. Robertson and Mary his wife of Amelia; Cincinnatus, Tiberius, Telemachus and Ulysses Jones, Theod'k Robertson, Simon Cullen and Elizabeth his wife, Richard H. Archer, committee of Elizabeth R. Archer of Amelia, and Robert W. Robinson of Richmond, David Ferguson in his own right and in right of Eliza his wife of Buckingham and John Archer Robertson, George Robertson and Peter F. Archer, John Jones and Sally R. his wife, William Stevens and Frances Ann his wife and the heirs who reside out of this commonwealth, be made parties to the suit and required to answer same."

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Steptoe and Callaway Cemetery

Transcribed by S. Kathryn Hooper

Research performed by Nora A. Carter, Thaxton, VA, March 2, 1937.

Location: "Federal Hill" (Home of the Steptoe family); 9 miles southwest of Lynchburg, Virginia, on Route #128; thence north .3 mile on Route #623; house is 300 yards west of road and the cemetery is 500 yards southwest of the house.

Date: 1777

Owners: James Steptoe and his descendants.

Description: The plot covers one fourth acre of ground and is surrounded by a four foot wall made of large reddish stones, well mortared together. The oldest graves are covered with the marble table type of marker. The cemetery is in good condition. (1937)

Historical Significance:

During the War Between the States, at the time of Hunter's raid toward Lynchburg, a skirmish was fought here. The southern troops took their stand within the cemetery behind the stone wall and fired on the Union Army as it passed. Two northern soldiers were killed, and a long time afterwards the remains of another soldier were found near the wall. His gold watch of excellent workmanship identified him and a letter with the watch was sent to his mother. There are holes in the cemetery wall made by cannon balls.

1. Harriet W.
Daughter of
Robert C. and Elizabeth Steptoe
Died Nov. 5, 1853
In the 21st. year of her age.
This humble tribute of parent's love
Not only marks the spot where she now lies
But warning gives to all who hither come
To seek in death a home beyond the skies.

2. In memory of
Cornelia F.
Daughter of
Robt. and Elizabeth Steptoe
Died Sept. 10, 1858
In the 26th year of her age.
She was lovely, she was fair,
And for a while was given.
An angel came and claimed his own
And bore her home to heaven.

3. Coward Dillon Steptoe
Born Dec. 28, 1811
Died Dec. 30, 1854.
He was an excellent and upright man,
And fulfilled faithfully all the
obligations of a dutiful son and affectionate
brother and a sincere friend.

4. Sacred to the memory of
Mrs. Catherine Steptoe
Aug. 6, 1858
Age 74
A true Christian, faithful wife, affectionate
mother and steadfast friend. She devoted her
life to acts of duty and benevolence.
She will enjoy in the life to come the immortal
reward of her piety and virtue.
Her children arise up and call her blessed.
(*There are a few lines here unreadable*)

5. James Calloway Steptoe
Born December 10th, 1781
Died October 24, 1827.
For many years Clerk of the County and Superior Court of Bedford.
He was beloved for the generosity of his heart,
the integrity of his character, and the fidelity
with which he discharged all the duties which
society and nature had cast upon him.

6. Sacred to the memory of
Mrs. Elizabeth Ward
Daughter of Sam'l White and
wife of Benj. Ward, who was born 6th. Mar. 1807 and died 4th. Mar.
1843.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

7. Sacred to the memory of
Frances Langhorne
Who departed this life
on the 13th. April, 1822
in the 34th. year of her age.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see
God.

8. In memory of
William C. Leftwich
Born Sept. 8th. 1798
Died Sept. 21, 1854,
For I know that my Redeemer liveth and
that he shall stand at the letter lay upon the
earth,
And tho after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh ---(*the remainder is obliterated*)

9. In memory of
Walter Edward
Son of
Robert and Elizabeth Steptoe
Died July 12, 1860

10. Sacred
to the memory of
Elizabeth
wife of Robert C. Steptoe
Died 21 November, 1840
in the
40th. year of her age

11. Sacred
to the memory of
James Steptoe, Sr.,
(Clerk of Bedford County)
(Court of 54 years)
Died Febry. 1826
Aged 76 years.
Also Frances, his wife,
Died Dec. 1807
Aged 45 years

12. Here rest in
Peace
Matilda C. I.
wife of
William C. Leftwich
who died Jany. 25th. 1837
Aged 28 years and 5 mo.
Who best know her worth
and most deplore her loss
Devotes to her memory this stone
Her Husband

13. James Calloway
Virginia
Col. Bedford Co. Va.
Mil. Rev. War
1809
(*This inscription is on
a new stone of white
granite; the old stone
is there but very
weathered*)

14. Henry Scarsbrook
Langhorne
Born Nov. 1790
Died Dec. 1854

15. William Calloway
Virginia
Col. Bedford Co. Va.
Mil. Rev. War
1777
(*This is a new white stone; the old one is there also but unreadable*)

16. Sacred to the memory of
Elizabeth Calloway
Consort of William Calloway
Who departed this life
on the 22nd. day of
January, 1827.
In the 42nd. year of her
age.

17. Sacred to the memory of
William Calloway
Who died
Sept. 22nd. 1821
Aged 73 years

18. Sacred
to the memory of
Anna Bowkeh
wife of
Col. Wm. Calloway
Born March 1751
Died October 20, 1834

19. Sacred to the memory of
Samuel Read
Who was born 31st. March 1767
and departed this life 25th.
January 1831, Aged 63 years,
2 months and 23 days

20. Sacred
to the memory of
(*the name obliterated*)
who died
Dec. 1, 1829
Aged years.
(*The number of years had not been inscribed*)

21. Beneath this stone
lies the remains
of Ann Bowkeh
Wife of
Callohill Mennis
Born 20th. Jan'y. 1803
Died 25th. Feb'y. 1829

22. And by her side her
infant son
Callohill Crutchfield
aged 1 year and 7 mo.
He who loved thee living
and respects, thee dead
pays this last tribute
to the silent shade.

23. Sacred to
the memory of
Frances I. C. Mennis
who died
Feb'y. 18th. 1841
Aged 43 years.

Sources of Information:
Tombstone Inscriptions
Visit by Worker

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Some Southside Virginians in Greene County, Illinois
Tombstone Inscriptions in the Stith Cemetery

Contributed by Philip B. Alfeld

Editor's Note: It is with great pleasure that we are able to publish materials which indicate the emigration of former residents of Southside Virginia to other locales. Often times, it is just such information which gives researchers that long lost clue as to "Where did John Smith go?" It is through subscribers such as Mr. Alfeld, that these clues may be made available. Thank You.

The Stith Cemetery is located about four miles west of Carrollton, the county seat of Greene County, Illinois. In the 1830s, a number of families from Dinwiddie and Brunswick counties in Virginia migrated to this Illinois county some sixty miles north of St. Louis. The following are the tombstone inscriptions for several of those Southside Virginians.

THOMAS S. BOOTH
DIED
Nov. 16, 1852
Aged 66 yrs.
8 days

Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY P. BOOTH
BORN
In Dinwiddie Co. Va.
Jan. 28, 1796
DIED
Sept. 2, 1871
AGED
75 Yrs. 7 Mos. 4 Ds.

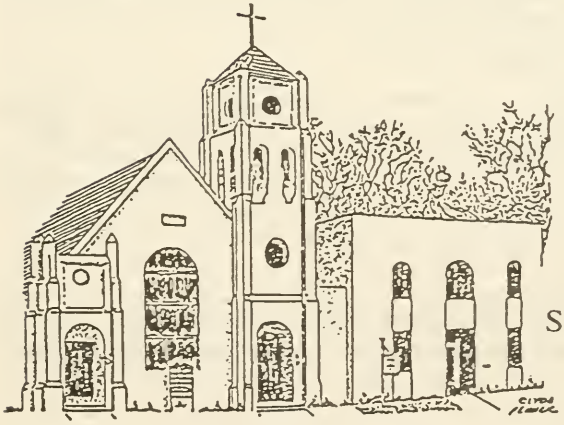
DAVID B. STITH
DIED
Oct. 16, 1849
AGED
57 years 6 mo.
12 ds.

JULIA
WIFE OF
T. S. BOOTH
& daughter of
Col. BUCKNER STITH
of Brunswick Co.
VIRGINIA
DIED
Nov. 13, 1837
In the 47 Year
of her age.

CATHARINE A.
WIFE OF
BENJAMIN PEGRAM
and daughter of
Col. BUCKNER STITH
of Brunswick Co. Va.
BORN
June 22, 1798
DIED
Mar. 3, 1854

MARY F.
wife of
DAVID B. STITH
DIED
Jan. 17, 1873
AGED
64 Years 11 Ms.
& 9 Days

Author's notes: Thomas S. Booth served on the Greene County Commissioners' Court from 1845 thru 1848. After the death of his first wife, he married Mary Peter (Pegram) Andrews, widow of Baker Andrews, and daughter of Maj. Baker and Mary (Manson) Pegram of Dinwiddie County. Her brother, Benjamin Pegram, was married to Catharine Stith, sister of Booth's first wife, Julia. Presumably, David Stith is a brother of Julia and Catharine. See *History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois* (Springfield, IL: 1885), pages 590,700; Samuel William Simmons, *The Pegrams of Virginia and Descendants, 1688.* 1984 (Lakemont, GA: 1985), pages 94-104.



Christ Church
Smithfield, Virginia
1832

Thomas Bassett Dawson, Land Office Military Certificate

Contributed by Lyndon H. Hart
Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: *A Military Certificate is a certification issued in the name of the governor and council stating that a certain individual was entitled to a specific quantity of land on the basis of military service during the Revolutionary War. A Military Warrant is a warrant issued by the Land Office on the basis of a military certificate. The warrant was directed to the surveyor of lands set aside for officers and soldiers, such land being located in what is now the states of Ohio and Kentucky. It directed the surveyor to lay off land in the amount specified.* [d]

The name Bassett is prominent in Southside Virginia history. This document is presented for its potential significance to those doing research in Southside Virginia and North Carolina.

Deposition of Burwell Bassett:

"Burwell Basset do hereby certify that I knew Thomas Basset Dawson a Midshipman in the Virginia Navy in the Revolution, who was severely wounded while a bearer of dispatches from Genl. Nelson to the Executive. He died intestate without issue leaving his sister Mrs. Rebecca Carey his sole heir....[*continued in court certification*]

As witness my hand this 6th day May 1839 —

Burwell Bassett

Burwell Bassett

City of Williamsburg

[*stricken through*] to Wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for s[d] county Burwell Basset subscriber to the foregoing certificate and made oath to the

[d] Daphne S. Gentry, Comp., Revised by John S. Salmon, Virginia *Land Office Inventory*, Virginia State Library and Archives, Third Edition, 1988.

facts as therein stated to the best of his knowledge and belief and desired me to certify said acknowledgement.

As witness my hand This 6th day May 1839 —

Thos G. Pearsby; ald.

Thos. G. P___by, ___

In Richmond Hustings Court May 15th 1839

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, it is ordered to be certified that Thomas B. Dawson, a midshipman in the Virginia Navy in the revolution, who was severely wounded while a bearer of dispatches from Genl Nelson to the executive of Virginia, died intestate without issue, leaving his sister Mrs. Rebecca Carey his sole heir at law. She subsequently died testate in Williamsburg since 1818, leaving the descendants of Mrs. Joanna Stith, of Burwell Bassett and of Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison her sole heirs at law.

Mrs. Stith left one child Bassett Stith who died testate in Halifax North Carolina about 1816 or 1817 leaving several children, *vizt.* 1. Maria B. Daniel, 2. Mary M. Freeman, 3. Virginia P. Caton, 4. William A. Stith, 5. Albert A. B. Stith, 6. Nicholas L. B. Stith, 7. Sarah Frances Stith, 8. Mary B. Newson (child of Lavinia Stith), 9. Augustus, John and Junius Daniel, children of Martha E. Daniel.

Burwell Bassett died testate 1793 in New Kent, leaving three children his heirs at law, *vizt.* John Bassett, Burwell Bassett (now alive) and Frances Washington, John died in 1832, testate, leaving one son Geo. W, a daughter Anna Maria Garretson and two grandchildren, William and Burwell Sayre, sons of Virginia, who was a daughter of John Bassett, who died before him. Mrs. Garretson is since dead, leaving J. L. Deans and his daughter Miss Garretson, her sole heirs. Mrs. Washington died intestate leaving George F. Washington and Mrs. Maria Thornton, her sole heirs at law. Mrs. Thornton is since dead leaving two children, Churchill and Charles Thornton, Mrs. Eliz: Harrison left six children, *viz.* Genl Wm H. Harrison, now of Ohio; Ben: Harrison, late of Berkely; Carter Harrison, Sarah Minge, Nancy Coupland and Lucy Randolph then Singleton; Carter Harrison has since died, leaving two children, Wm & Carter, and each of whom is dead leaving children. Sarah Minge has died, leaving 8 children, John Collier, James, William, David & Ben, Elizabeth Nelson and Anna Dunlop, said Ben: has died, leaving Mary, his only heir. Nancy Coupland died leaving several children - and Lucy Singleton died leaving 5 children, *viz.* Peyton Randolph, Richard K. Randolph, Elizabeth Berkeley, Lucy Taylor, widow of Thom: Taylor, and the late Wm Randolph. The children of Bassett Stith were entitled to one tenth of Thos. B Dawson's land, and the three children of Burwell Bassett,

to one tenth, each, and the representatives of each of the six children of Eliz: Harrison to one tenth of said Dawson's estate.

A Copy

Teste

Cho: Howard, clk.

Cho: Howard, clk.

A further deposition:

State of North Carolina
Northampton County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
June Term 1834

Henry Wilkes maketh oath that he is acquainted with Maria B. Daniel wife of Joseph J. Daniel formerly Maria B. Stith, Mary M. Freeman wife of Edmund B. Freeman, formerly Mary M. Stith, Virginia P. Eaton wife of Nathaniel M. Eaton formerly Virginia P. Stith, William A. Stith, Albert A. B. Stith, Nicholas L. B. Stith, Sarah Frances Stith and [*words striken*] knew Lavinia Newsom ~~who~~ before Lavinia Stith who intermarried with one Robert Newsom who is now dead as is also the said Lavinia leaving an only child Mary B. Newsom now alive; & was also acquainted with Martha E. Daniel formerly Martha E. Stith who intermarried with John P. J. Daniel and is since dead leaving three children Augustus, John, & Junius infants of tender years & her said husband surviving her and that the said Maria B. Daniel, Mary M. Freeman, Virginia P. Eaton, William A. Stith, Albert A. B. Stith, Nicholas L. B. Stith, Sarah Frances Stith, Lavinia Newsom & Martha E. Daniel both now dead are reputed & said to be the only children of Col Bassett Stith formerly of the Town of Halifax State of North Carolina,

June 7th 1834

Henry Wilkes

Henry Wilkes

Sworn to in open court

R J Weaver Clk

R. J. Weaver Clk

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Index to Wills - 1789-1802

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

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CHILES: Seek proof of parents of Hezikiah Chiles (b c1714, d 1790) found: in Spotsylvania Co 1754 with Henry Chiles; 1769 in Granville Co, NC; his will in Spartanburg Co, SC 1790. Known children: Elizabeth Turner, Frances Turner, Jeston, Richard and John Chiles/Childs. Have Cridlin's Research in VA Genealogies. **Julia Brown Hazelwood, 1631 Spartan Ln, Athens, GA 30606.**

BUTLER, JONES: Seek parents/info on Allen Butler b c1796, m Lucy Jones of Madison, ME. According to the Madison, ME census from 1830-1860, list him as born in VA. **Mrs. Harriet Douville, 384 Donald St, Bedford, NH 03110.**

PORTER, KITCHEN: Seek desc of Thomas E. (Ellis?) Porter and Susan W. Kitchen (m 1827 Southampton). Known children: Patrick H; Benjamin E; Robert G; John W; Peter G; Jesse; Martha Ann m Wm. Emmett Tudor 1860 Sussex; Susan; Laura A.; Sarah F; and Joseph Kitchen all b between c1828 & c1849 Sussex. **Christine Levet Gerbel, 3143 Deer Meadow Dr, Blackhawk, Danville, CA 94506.**

BEESON, MADISON, STROUD: Seek info on James Madison, Episcopal bishop of VA 1790-1812. Also Isaac Beeson (1720-1802) and wife Phoebe Stroud of the Quaker Meeting, of Hopewell City, VA. Do these have James City Co roots, (Williamsburg)? **Richard A. Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

Exchange: **REESE, HATCHELL, WINN, WALLER**. Jordan Jasper Reese, son of Joseph A. and Mary E. Hatchell Reese (Meck. Co) was a private in Co C, 44th Bn, VA Infantry, Civil War. 1869 he m Elizabeth C. Winn, only

dau of Thomas (Henry?) Winn and Martha Anne Waller Winn. Sons were (Lun. Co 1836) Joseph, Joseph Horatio (Pomp), William Freeman (Buck), Thomas Edward and James Andrew Winn. Who were Thomas and Martha's parents? **Doris Reese Backer, 78092 N. Fitzmorris Rd, Covington, LA 70433.**

SNEAD/SNEED, OLIVER, DURRETT, EVITT, HUNDLEY: Seek info on Benjamin Snead/Sneed who m Felicia Oliver (dau of Nickerson Oliver and Elizabeth Durrett) in 1790, Halifax Cty. Halifax Co tax list 1782-1800 list only Sarah Sneed although in 1787 Benj. is listed as head of household. Benj. & Felicia moved to Russell Cty after 1800. Also seek info on Evitt (John, Thomas, Nehemiah) and James Hundley families of Buckingham Co. **Jack Hockett, 270 Iven Ave, 2-C, St. David's, PA 19087.**

HUGHES, HOBSON, POWELL: Seek info on family of George B. and Emily (Hobson?) Hughes of Cumberland Co. Children: John B, Mary G. (b c1844), George B. (b c1846). George B. Sr d c1847 Cumberland Co; Emily apparently m William Powell and had sons Joseph & William (b c1854). Was Emily dau of Samuel & Maria Hobson? What happened to Emily & children after 1860? **Mrs. N. O. Wright, Jr, 514 Drexel Ct, El Dorado, AR 71730.**

KIDD: Researching Kidd family of Dinwiddie Co, especially Thomas J. Kidd, b c1785, d after 1852. Known children: Mary C.(b c1815, m (1)Samuel H. Clarke 1838 (2)Trent G. Harrison 1842; Stith J. Kidd b c1827, m (1)Minnie Plate 1848 (2)Lucy G. Ragsdale 1879; Stanfield T. Kidd m Missour E. _? . **Jane P. Andrews, 1916 Tabby Ln, Altavista, VA 24517.**

SPEARS, HILL: Seek to exchange info on family of John Spears of Chesterfield Co, b c1760, d 1842. He m (1) Mary Hill 1787 (2)Susanna Womack 1804. Court Order Book 30 in Chest. Co shows William Spears filed suit against other heirs of John Spears but unable to find this document. The will listed as being in Will Book I, above this in different hand written "Curcuit Court" with dates Nov. 1839-1843 following. Who were Mary Hill's parents? Will refund postage. **Ellen S. Dorsey, 222 Parker Rd, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.**

KILCREASE, REYNOLDS: Seek info on John Kilcrease, in Brunswick Co before 1750, wife Bathsheba (dau of William & Joyce Reynolds). Also Robert Kilcrease & wife Jane in Brunswick Co approx. same time. Son, Nimrod, b 1728 Bristol Parish. **Janet K. Wentley, 311 E. Charlotte St, Millersville, PA 17551.**

PARKER, GARDNER: Seek info on Ivey Parker who m Penelope Gardner 1789. In 1810 sold to Henry Gardner all interest in estate of his wife Penelope Parker. An article by L.H. Hart in *Southside Virginian* summarizes an 1832 Chancery Court action in Southampton Co showing that Mason, dau of Penelope (and Ivey?), m Nicholas Cobb 1801. Seek parents of Ivey Parker, and was he really father of Mason? **Jean Cobb, 1419 Robinhood Pl, Lynchburg, VA 24503**.

SCRUGGS, ALLEN: Seek ancestry of James Scruggs who d before Sep 1799 Buckingham Co. Where & when was he born? He m Hannah Allen before 1750. Known children: William, Finch, Allen and Valentine. Who did they marry? Any other children? Have much Scruggs data to share. **Patricia Scruggs Trolinger, Ottawa Hill, Route 1, Box 154, Miami, OK 74354**.

LEWIS, JONES, WALKER: Seek info/parents/siblings of Thomas Lewis b 1746, d c1806 in Buckingham Co, m Agnes Walker Jones in Bedford Co 1781. She was widow of William Jones & dau of James Walker of Buckingham Co. Thomas Lewis was also in Campbell & Bedford Cos. **Mr. Vern Lewis, 1231 Cherington Ct, Centerville, OH 45459**.

FELLOWS: Seek info on Robert Fellows of Surry Co, deeded property before 1729 to his four dau: Margaret m Thomas C. Mathis; Sarah m John Pasmore; Mary m John or James Huckaby; Martha m William Reed. Was there other children? Who was Robert's wife? **Mrs. Betty Mathis, 17080 E. Comstock, Linden, CA 95236**.

STOTTS, VAUGHAN: Seek info on Solomon Stotts and Uroulla Vaughan who m c1769-70 Pittsylvania Co, lived Halifax Co and moved to KY c1785. **Shirley Oakley Payton, Box 400, Afton, OK 74331**.

MATTOX, HIPPINSTALL: Help! Grandpa was adopted; researching his biological family. His father: Vester Mattox (s/o John & __ Ellis) b 1875 Union Hall, VA; m Hester Hippinstall (d/o __ & Sally Barnard) b 1888 Roanoke or Lynchburg, d 1962 Cinti. OH. All replies promptly answered. **Karen Lee Fielding, 7073 Bridges Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45230**.

Exchange: **LOVE, CREASY, INMAN**. Seek info on Daniel Love b c1807 VA; James Creasy m Nancy Mills; Ira Inman b c1832 VA, m 1853 in Surry Co, NC to Mary Shelton. **Mrs. Paul R. Martin, 4965 Hauser Dr, Pfafftown, NC 27040**.

SOWERSBYE, BATTLE, HOLLIMAN: Seek parents of Margaret Sowersbye who m John Battle c1680, and of Ann Holliman who m John

Battle of Sussex Co c1770. **Audrey H. Gowing, 2339 Davis Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980.**

PEEBLES: Seek documentary proof for Captain David Peebles military service in VA Colonial Miltia for a supplemental application in Colonial Dames 17th Century. Time frame 1656. From which county did he serve? Appreciate any info on this family. **Mrs. Cleora Beard Gill, 200 S. 4th St, Apt. 4, Lake Wales, FL 33853-3882.**

CHAMBLISS, RIDEOUT, VAUGHAN, HOWELL: Seek verification that a Henry Chambliss (b c1750) was father of John (1778-1850) who m (1) Jane Rideout (2)Susan Vaughan. John had sister Elizabeth. Major events in Lunenburg & Mecklenburg Cos. If Henry fathered John & Elizabeth, were his parents Nathaniel and Mary (Howell) Chambliss of Lunenburg? If assumption is correct, have much info to share. **Nita Groh, 21350 Burkhart Dr, Port Charlotte, FL 33952-4427.**

Exchange: **GEER(S)/GERE(S)/GEAR(S)/GEERE(S)** in Counties: Amelia, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Isle of Wight, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Norfolk, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Pr Edward, Pr George, Pr Anne, Southampton,Surry, and Sussex. **Ginger M. August, 32 Stetson Way, Princeton, NJ 08540.**

FUTHY, ELLIOTT, LYLE, GIBSON, REID, CHAMBERS: Exchange on these names mid to late 1700s. Seek help with proof of parents of Mahershellalhashbaz Lyle of Augusta, Lunenburg, Brunswick, Bedford Cos. Was David Lyle, m 1737 Co. Antrim, North Ireland, his father? In GA Lyle m into Reid-Chambers family of Rowan/Iredell Cos, NC, earlier Lancaster Co, PA before 1800. Chambers connected to Futhey, Elliott lines early 1700s. **Dorothy H. Ward, 11030 SW 52nd Ct, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33328-4706.**

BASS: Seek name with proof first wife of Edward Bass Chesterfield Co (1754-1834) Rev War. Clerk Skinquarter Baptist Church 30 years. Edward's children: Richard, Rolling, Elam, Benjamin, Walthal, Daniel, Phoebe, Mary Porter, Ann Jordan, Rebecca Ann Moseley, Lucy Ann, Martha Ann. Edward's third wife, Rebecca Ann Moseley. **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St, Sumter, SC 29150.**

Exchange: **CONWAY, DIXON, GIST, HAMILTON, JARRETT, LIGHTFOOT, SHIELDS, WRAY, WRIGHT**: Most lived in Brunswick & Lunenburg Cos. or in borderline cos in NC in 1600s/1700s. **Mary Lightfoot, 127 E 12th St, Tracy, CA 95376.**

MAJOR, CHANDLER, HENDRICKS, HENDRIX: Seek info on family of William Major b VA c1750s, and wife Mary Chandler b VA. Children b in VA and apparently m in SC (possibly Orangeburg Dist or Newberry Dist). Children: Nancy m Henry Hendricks, Jeanette m Swinford, Rebecca m Thomas Neighbors, Kittenrab m Joe Nimmons, William went west, James m Elizabeth Ellis, Mary m William Waymon Holland. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W River Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662.**

HAWKS, POOL: Seek parents/children of Benjamin A. Hawks b c1818 Dinwiddie Co, d 1884 Petersburg, & Julia Ann Pool his wife. Have picture of Julia holding picture of man in her hand. Married 1848 M.E.C. by Isham E. Hargrave. **Mary Davis Welling, 1690 Rochelle Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952.**

STINSON: Seek info on Anna (Mary), b 1849, d 1892, m Howard T. Baber. One of their children was Francis Watson Baber. **Walter A. Neisz, 553 S. Gladstone Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3134.**

WOODWARD, BARROW: William Woodward m Elizabeth Barrow 1796 in Southampton. William d before 1818. Seek dates/places of birth & death for William and date of death for Elizabeth. Who were William's parents? Elizabeth was d/o Rev. David Barrow. **Mrs. Hope Hotchkiss Niedling, 1008 Third St, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**

DABBS, WILLIS: Anxious to make contact with searchers for the Dabbs family of Charlotte Co. Richard Dabbs was father of Lucy M. Dabbs who m William Willis 1817 in Charlotte Co. Pictures would be of great interest. I can provide great amounts of info on this family. **Victor C. Rose, 2126 Corbitt St, Shreveport, LA 71108.**

HANCOCK: Seek anc of Clement Hancock Sr who d c1758 in Sussex Co, Will Book A. His wife Antheny (?) d c1762 Sussex Co. Children listed in *Albemarle Parish Register*: Hannah b 1740; William b 1742 m Rebecca Jones; Mary b 1747; Benjamin b 1752. Other children: Anthany, Letitia m Frederick Green, Lucy, Sarah, and Clement Jr. **Ralph. P. Leinhaas, 236 Claremont St, Petersburg, VA 23805.**

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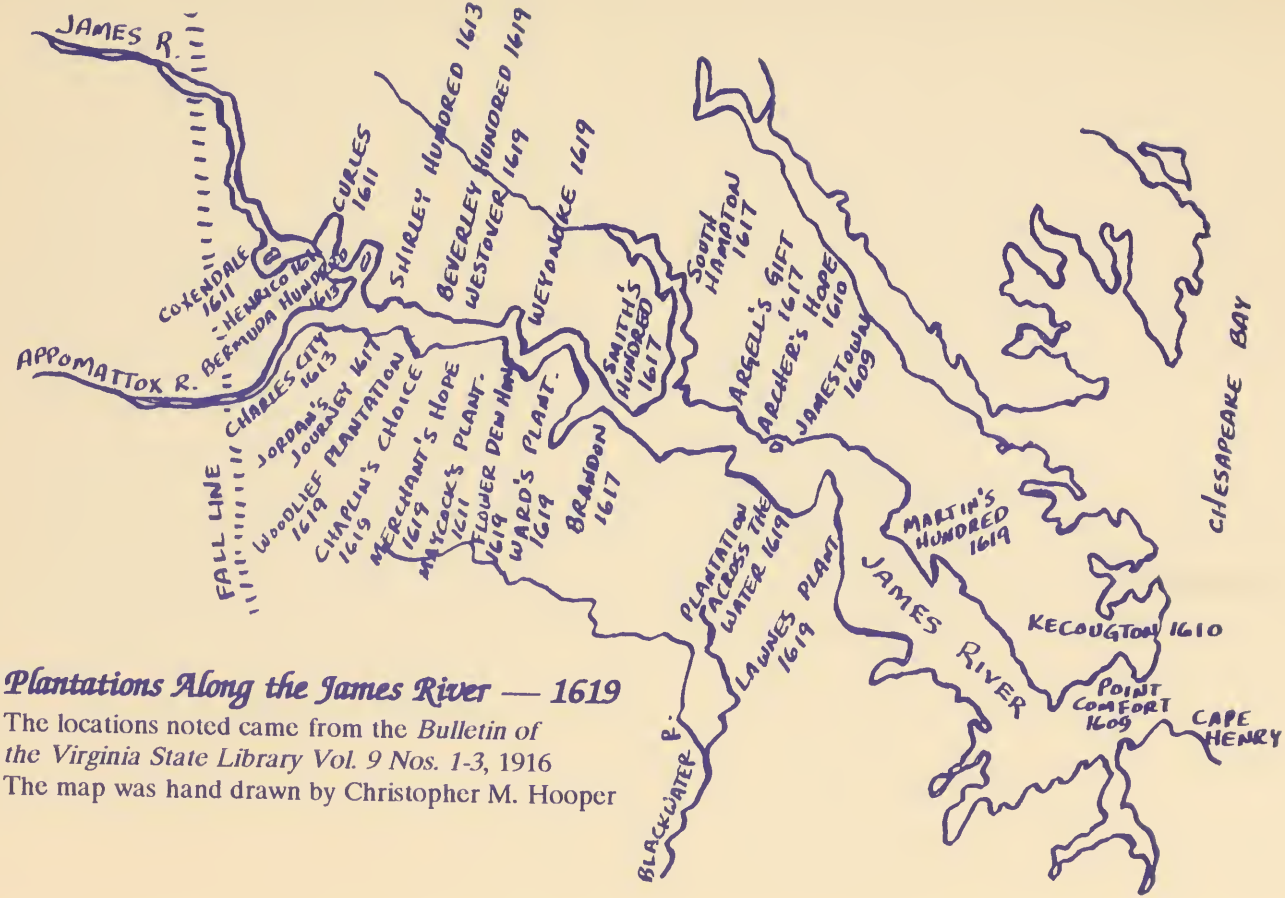

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EDITORIAL

GENEALOGY. What does that word mean? Is it a thoughtful study of ones family history or is it a search for that elusive "one more generation back" on one's direct line? Many genealogists, in the excitement of discovery, use the latter approach in their research without realizing that the former would be a much more fruitful method.

We are often confronted with researchers looking for an ancestor who lived in Southside Virginia only during a specific period of time (i.e., lived in Brunswick Co. 1750-1785, removed to Tennessee). They are sometimes dissatisfied with *The Southside Virginian* because we do not provide as much coverage as they would like of a specific county during the time period in question. As has been stated before, we are attempting to balance the materials published, so that all areas and early time periods of Southside are encompassed. This is a large task for a publication such as *The Southside Virginian*, but we attempt it none-the-less.

The larger issue here, though, is in the methods being employed by the family researcher. In fact, the hypothetical ancestor listed above probably did live in Brunswick Co. from 1750-1785, and left there for Tennessee. But, to think that this time period is the only one in which records of their family exist in Brunswick (or surrounding counties) is extremely short-sighted. What of this person's brothers, sisters, cousins, etc., who have the same ancestry, and many of whom did not remove to Tennessee? They continued to live in Brunswick and continued to make history which may be recorded in county records. We often see in wills, deeds, and powers-of-attorney where reference is made to siblings who "removed to Tennessee" in previous years. These records are often produced some 10-20 years after the fact. What lost opportunities for research these records conceal.

Genealogy is like a great jigsaw puzzle. You often can't fit together the pieces you're really interested in until you complete another section of the puzzle. Several years ago, we were confronted with a similar issue. Our direct line ancestry ran into a brick wall in Illinois, c1800. After years of research in Illinois, we still did not know where our 3rd Gr. Grandfather had come from. We noticed that two of his sons (not our direct line) had served in the Mexican War (1847). We requested their military records from the National Archives. Upon studying these documents, we noted that many of the pension affidavits were being filed from NW Arkansas. We immediately searched the records of that area and found that a majority of the family had moved there in the late 1840s. We also found references to our progenitor and leads on where he may have been born. As it turned out, our 2nd Gr. Grandfather moved back to Illinois in 1860, and our direct line remained there until the 1930s. Without those clues in the sibling's military files, we would not have had the opportunity to follow the trail into Arkansas.

So, in the future, look into all references concerning members of your family, direct line or otherwise. Even the most obscure person may provide the record you need to go "one more generation back."

Chris Hooper, Publications Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Augustus Monroe Raney, Jr., *Raneys, Jollys, and Trotters of Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick County, Virginia — Their Ancestors and Descendants — 1988.* 89 pp; index; cloth (7½ x 10½); photographs; sketches; maps; tables. 1988. This book contains a well organized and indexed family history of the Raney, Jolly, Trotter, and associated families of Southside Virginia. In addition, the history of Smoky Ordinary, a Revolutionary period stage stop on the road from Petersburg to North Carolina, is given in great detail. Numerous pictures, maps, and charts along with transcriptions and reproductions of documentary information provide interesting background to the written family history. The impetus for this book was the desire of the author to permanently mark the location of the old Smoky Ordinary Inn, which dates to 1720. Through his actions, a state historical marker was placed and dedicated in October 1987. This book is a "good read" as it depicts much of the history of both the families and the way of life associated with Southside Virginia. For information, contact the compiler at **6190 Rivershore Pkwy., Atlanta, GA 30328.**

Herman W. Ferguson, *Genealogical Deed Abstracts — Mecklenburg County, North Carolina — Books 10-14.* x, 249 pp; index; soft-cover (8½ x 11); map. 1990. $25.00 postpaid, NC residents add 6% sales tax. The proximity of North Carolina to Southside Virginia dictates that anyone particularly interested in genealogical research in this region of Virginia would be well advised to look "south of the border" as well. Mr. Ferguson's book is an excellent reference work for this purpose. Mecklenburg Co., NC, is situated on the NC/SC border, and was formed in 1762. *Deed Books 10-14* encompass 2,987 pages with 2,323 abstracts, and cover deeds recorded from 1778 through 1794. The abstractor has gone to great lengths to make this an easy tool for the researcher to use. The index contains some 4700 whole name and place entries, which reference the consecutively numbered deed listings. Through the use of bold-faced type the index differentiates between references to grantors, grantees, former owners, etc. and those of minor officials, neighbors, or witnesses. Of particular interest is the map, which indicates watercourses, fords, churches, and other features contained in the descriptions within the deeds. This is an excellent work and is recommended to anyone doing research in North Carolina whether for migrant Southsiders or not. It may be purchased from the abstractor at: **600 Chad Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27803.**

William Thorndale and William Dollarhide, *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920.* xxvi, 420 pp; maps; index; bibl; paper; $39.95 + $2.50 postage. This is a "must have" book for anyone performing research of the type in which county boundaries play an important role. The maps of each state, with current county lines, are overlaid with the county boundaries in existence at the time of each U.S. census from 1790 through 1920. Counties which are no longer in existence are indicated along with their pertinent dates. An index of county names is also included, which will aid the user in finding counties which have ceased to exist. U.S. maps with current state lines

overlaid by previous state and territorial boundaries, are provided for each of the censuses, which will aid the user in understanding the westward development of this country. **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.**

Announcements

Rowan County Register [ISSN 0885-8454], published by **Jo White Linn, C.G., C.G.L.** 8½ x 11, 240 pp annually, published quarterly in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov, with the every name index appearing in the Nov. issue, $25.00 per calendar year. This quarterly publication covers the area of original Rowan County, North Carolina from which 26 NC counties and all of Tennessee were formed. Previously unpublished materials such as will abstracts, land entries, deed abstracts, bible records, maps, etc. are presented along with book reviews, free queries to subscribers, articles on problem solving, methodology, and publishing, and features on particular persons and families. This quarterly was established in 1986 and back issues are available. It is highly recommended to anyone with a research trail through this area of NC or Tennessee. Contact the publisher at **P.O. Box 1948, Salisbury, NC 28144.**

Woodson Watcher plus Allied Lines [ISSN 0741-6881], Co-Editors; **Felix Earle Luck, PO Box 506, Mt. Tabor, NJ 55431; Mary McCraw Harland, 1750 Allegro Dr., Richmond, VA 23231.** 8½ x 11, approx. 144 pp annually, published quarterly in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov, index in each issue, $15.00 per calendar year. All queries are accepted. Back issues are available; contact the editors for pricing. This quarterly covers all Woodson families world-wide and solicits records for publication. This is an excellent magazine which deserves the attention of anyone doing research on the Woodson family not only in Southside Virginia but elsewhere. For subscriptions or information write the editors at the above addresses.

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Saint Andrews Parish Parishoners of 1762-1773

Contributed by Dennis Hudgins

Editor's Note: *The following are entries from Brunswick County Deed Book 11 along with an attached listing of the parishoners of St. Andrews Parish. The Deed Book entries are transcribed from the originals in the manner in which they were originally written. The list of parishioners has been alphabetized and compiled by Mr. Hudgins to aid in its usage.*

Brunswick County Virginia, Deed Book 11 pages 138-145:

Whereas John Marshall and Henry Morriss in the year 1762. did become two of the Securities for the parish Collection of the dues and demands. Levied on the Tithables of Saint Andrews parish which were Collected and only in part accounted for by Thomas Jackson the acting Collector since which a Suit has been Commenced upon the said Bond, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed [*see below*] and is Now Depending in the County Court of Brunsk. The paiment of the ballance on which account such will tend Greatly to the prejudice of the said Marshall & Morris on whom the whole is likely to fall & perhaps terminate in the Ruin of their innocent as themselves. We the parishoners knowing that if the said money is paid into our vestry it can operate only so as to lesson our levies in future — a trifle hardly perceptable to us as individuals do of our own free will and accord in pity to the said Marshall & Morris. Voluntarily release them of all Debts duties & Demands whatsoever which we or those coming after us may have against them in and by Virtues of the bond aforesaid hereby declaring that these presents are by us intended and Designed to operate as an acquittance & full Discharge against the said Bond for our Respective shares & Claims of in & to the said Demand and every part thereof.

Witness our hands this 24th May 1773.

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23rd day of August 1773. Those Receipts together with the bond thereunto annexed were Returned into the said County Court by James Parham & others and on their montion were ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. P. Pelham Jr Cl. Court

The original Bond of 1762, mentioned above, was annexed and entered in the 1773 Deed Book 11 as follows:

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Twitty. Thomas Jackson. Jno Marshall. Henry Morris & Richard Lanier of the County of Brunswick are held & firmly bound unto Drury Stith. Nicholas Edmunds. John Clack. Jno Maclin.

Henry Edmunds. Robert Briggs. Edward Goodrich. John Pettway. Hugh Williams. William Thornton & William Edwards Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish Saint Andrews in the County aforesaid in the full and just sum of one thousand pounds Curre. money of Virginia to which payment well & truly to be made to the Said Drury Stith ... Nicholas Edmunds and the other Gentlemen of the vestry above mentioned or their Successors we bind ourselves and each of us our heirs Executors and administrators Jointly & Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this day of April A.D. 1762.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above

bounden Thomas Twitty was appointed by the Gentlemen of the Vestry of the parish of Saint Andrews aforesaid collector of the Levy for the said parish this present year. Now if the said Thomas Twitty shall well & truly collect the Quantity of Toba. from each Warehouse as is Established ... payable in the parish & County aforesaid from the Inhabitants of the said parish and pay to each person their Respective Quantity of Toba. Levied for their Services and also when thereunto Required by the Gentlemen of the Vestry above mentioned to render a true and Just account of all the toba. Levied by the vestry for the use of the said Parish & Dispose of the same at the highest price & Discharge the same without fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void and of none Effect othrwise remain in full force & virtue.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

John Dugger
Thos. Twitty
Thos. Jackson
John Marshall
Henry Morris
Richard Lanier

The list of parishoners is alphabetized in the following pages. The first 14 names in the Deed book were listed twice in direct sequence, later in the list. That repeated block was evidently an error in the parish list or the County Clerk's transcription, and therefore has been ignored. However, other duplications may exist, and when no pattern is obvious, those errors could not be distinguished for this listing. For example, William Raney and Dancy Standley are repeated since they were listed twice in the Clerk's Deed Book entry.

Abernathy; Charles, Frederick, John, Robert, William
Adams; Isaac, James, Thomas
Adkins; Richard
Allin; John, Jno (red oak), William
Andertone; Isaac
Andrews; Claiborn, David, Drury, John, Joseph
Atkison; William
Avery; Charles, Edward
Bagwill; Richard
Bailey; George, Henry. Howard, James, Robert
Baker; Martin, Martin
Barler (Barlow); Charles, Jno
Barner; Francis
Barns; William
Barrow; John, William
Bass; Benjamin, Thomas
Batte; William

Batts; Henry
Bennitt; Absalum, James, John, Joseph
Berry; Enoch, Geroge
Birchett; Peter
Birdsond; James, Merritt, Wm.
Bishop; Marthan, Mason
Blanks; Richard
Blick; Benja.
Booth; Reuben
Boswell; William
Bounsher; John
Bowles; Jere.
Bradley; James, William
Brantt/Brent; Jedethan, Jeduthum, William
Briggs; Frederick, Gray, Henry, Howell, Jessey, Robert, Robert, Robert Sr., Samuel, Thomas
Brobelo/Brombelow; Jesse
Brodnax; John, William
Browder; Joseph
Brown; Beverly, Lewis (ordy), Lewis (inspecter), William
Burch; Richard
Burdge; Alexander, Frederick, Nathl.
Burgess; William
Burnitt; Thomas
Butler; William
Butts; John, Peter

Caine; George
Call; Daniel
Camp; John
Carloss; John
Carter; Joseph
Caudle; William
Cely; Merit, William
Charles; Lewis
Clack; James, John (not as a Vestryman), William
Clark; Elisha, George, George, William
Clayton; Britain, John
Cocke; Peter
Colleir; Daniel, Drury, Isaac, Moses, Thomas
Collier; William
Collings; James
Connelly; George, William
Craft; Thomas
Crawford; James
Crook; Joseph Jr., James
Cruse; John

Dameron; Bartho., Christopher
Daniel; Hardiway, Joseph, William
Davis; Eziker, Mathew
Denton; Thomas
Dewberry; (Duberry); William
Dobyns; Battin, Moses
Duberry; Thomas
Dugger; Alexandrew, Daniel, James, John, John Sr.
Duke; Simon
Dungill; John
Dunn; Ishmael, William

Edmunds; Jno Flood (not as a Vestryman), Nichs., Sterling, Thomas
Edwards; Benja., Benja., Henry (a private man, not as a vestryman), Jesse, Jesse, John, William, William, William
Eldridge; Aristable, Howell
Elliott; George Jr., Richard
Epps; Francis
Evans; John, Mathew, William

Fargerson; William, William
Firth; Thomas
Fisher; James, John
Fort; Henry
Fowler; Daniel, John
Freeman; Hamlin, Joel, Peter

Ganes; William
Garner; William
Gee; Robert Jr., Robert Jr.
Gholson; James, John
Gladish; John
Goodrich; Benja., Briggs, Charles, Edward, Edward Sr.
Goodrum; William
Green; Peter

Greenwood; Abner
Grigg; Burwel, Frederick, Lewis
Grubbs; Hensley

Hagood; Benjamin, Grisham, John Sr., Mordicay, Randolph, Richard
Halcomb; Thomas
Hall; Ravenscraft
Hamilton; James, Jno.
Hammond; William
Hampton; Moses
Hancocke; Benjamin
Hardiway; John
Harris; Mannen, Mathew
Harrison; Charles, Cuddy, Gabriel, Henry, Nathaniel, William, William Sr., William Sr.
Harrup; William
Harvey; Thomas
Harwell; Buckner, Frederick, Griff, Mason, Peter, Samuel, Samuel
Haskins; Creed, Thomas
Hawks; Frederick
Hawood; John
Hawthorn; Peter
Haymour; John, William
Hightower; John, Joshua, Thomas
Hobbs; John
Hood; Thomas
Horsburgh; Alexr.
House; Isaac Sr., Isham, John, Jno., Lawrence
Howard; Mordicai
Howerton; James
Hunt; John, Thomas
Hutchings; Lewis

Indge; John
Ingram; Bartho., Benjamin, John, John, John Jr., John Jr., Moses, Thomas, William
Jackson; Ephraim, Ephraim, Henry, Henry Jr., Henry Sr., John, Lewis, Mark, Nathl., Nathl., Thomas
Johnson; Benjamin, Frederick, James, James (son of John), John, John Sr., Thomas, Thomas, William, William
Jones; Anthony, Benjamin, Benjamin, Henry, Isaac, James, John (Burgess), John R., Mordicai, Stephen, William
Jourdin; Thomas

Kelly; James, Samuel
King; Charles Sr., James, John, Lewis, Nathl., Nathaniel
Kirk; James
Kirkland; Burwal, Richard, Stephen

Lane; Benjamin
Lanier; Buckner, Burd, Clemt., Drury, Drury, John, John, Nichs (red head), Richard Jr., Robert, Thomas, William, William, William
Lattimore; John
Laurence; Richard
Lawrence; John, Thomas
Lester; Andrew, Thomas

Lewis; Eleaner, Peter, Zebulin
Lightfoot; William
Loftain; John
Long; Joseph
Love; James
Loyd; John
Lucy; Robert
Lucas; Charles, Charles, Frederick, James, Samuel
(Ludberry); George
Lundie; Thos.
Lyall; Joseph

Ma.ers; Aron
Mabry; Evans, Joel, Seth
Maclin; Henry, James, John, John Jr., Thomas, William
McKinney; Morgan, William, William Sr.
Mair; Richard
Mallory; Roger
Malone; William
Marks; Edward

Marshall; George, Ichabod, Isaac
Martin; Henry
Mathis; Charles
Meredith; David, David Sr.
Merritt; Henry, Mary
Millar; Jacob
Mitchel/Mitchell; John, Locket, Richard, William
Moore; William
Morris; Nathl., Richard, Thomas, Thomas
Moss; David, John, Samson

Newbill; James
Nicks; William
Nicolson; Henry

Ogborne; John Sr.
Oldham; Charles
Orgain; William Darby
Owen; Robert

Pain; Bisil
Parham; James, Lewis, Mathew Jr.
Parish; Edward, John, Thomas
Passons; William
Peebles; Britain, Hubbard, John, Joseph
Penticost; George, Scarbrough
Pepper; Nathan
Pete; Richard
Pettway; Hinchey
Pilkinton; Richard, Richard Sr.
Pinchman; Samuel
Potts; Jesse
Powell; Edward, Robert
Price; William
Pritchett; William
Proctor; Benjamin, James, Jesse Sr., John, Joseph, Joshua, Richard, Thomas, Thomas Sr.

Quarles; Hubbard, James, John, Moses, Moses Sr.

Ramsay; Richard, Richard
Raney; William, William
Rawlings; Henry, John, William
Read; William
Readin; Timothy
Renn (see Wren); James
Rice; William
Richardson; Jourdan, Nathaniel, William
Riley; Thomas
Rilley or Ridley; Giles
Rivers; Thomas
Robertson; Henry
Robinson; Edward, John
Roper; David, David, (Jesse)
Rose; John, John Sr.
Rouch; William
Row; Deadmund
Rowlings; Richman
Russell; John

Sadler; Charles, Featherson, Henry, Thomas, Thomas
Samford; Mason, William
Sasson; Jno Shearing
Saunders; Ebbin, Edward
Scarbrough; John, Lewis, William
Scogin; Garderner
Seawell; Benjamin Jr.
Shell; Lemon
Short; Jacob Sr., John, Thomas, William
Simmons; Benjamin, Charles, Henry
Sims; John, William
Singleton; Titus
Smith; Cuthbert, David, Edward, Eisam, Fortunaus, Joel, Richard, Thomas, Wiliam, William, William
Stainback; George, George Sr., William
Standley; Dancey, Dancey
Stegall; Geroge, Samuel
Steward; Richard
Stith; Buckner Jr., Buckner Sr., Drury, John, Thos.(not as a vestryman), (William)
Stokes; Drury
Stone; Thomas
Strange; John, Owen, Stephen

Tarply; Charles
Tatum; Chancy, Edward, George, F., Jos., Nathaniel
Taylor; Richard
Thornton; William (not as a vestryman)
Thrift; Drury
Thweatt; Mary
Tomkins; Joseph
Trotter; William
Tucker; David
Turblyfield; John Sr., Seth
Turbyfill; John
Twitty; George, Thomas Jr.
Tyrus (Tyus); Lewis

Vaughan/Vaughn; David, George, James, William

Waddie; Spence
Walker; George, William
Wall; Burgess, George
Wallace; John
Ward; Timothy
Weaver; William
Westmoreland; Alin
Whitehead; Benjamin, Richard Sr.
Whittington; Frederick, Howell, Jno
Wilkins; Edmund
Wilkinson; Averis
Wilks; Joseph
Williams; Benjamin, Garrett, Hugh, Jno., Jones, Lewis, Ozburn, William, William
Willis; Harrod, William
Willson; Henry, John
Withers; Isaac
Woodruff; George, George Sr., John, Wilson
Wren; Francis
Wright; Jeremiah, John, Robert, Uriah
Wyche; Peter
Wynne; Peter

Yourgane; Thomas

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Estate of John Gannaway

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

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Know all men by these presents that we Mary Gannaway Thomas Gannaway Gregory Gannaway Robert Gannaway Money Gannaway Robert Sanders James Johns John Woodson Elizabeth Gannaway & Susannah Gannaway which John Gannaway stands Guardian for the said Elizabeth & Susannah. We are held and firmly bound to William Gannaway and John Gannaway Adms in the first and full sum of Ten Thousand pound specie to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs hereinto Admister assign firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this Thirteenth day of Decb. One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty One——

The condition Of the above Obligation is such that if the Above bound... (*the same names are repeated*) ...do well and truly stand too and abide by the sale advertized by the Administrators then the above obligation to be void or Else to remain in full force.

Sined Sealed
Delivered in presents of
Saymor Scott
Samuel Williams
Jeffery Robertson
Edmund Greggory

Mary *X* Gannaway Seal
her mark
Tho Gannaway Seal
Greggory Gannaway Seal
Robert Gannaway Seal
Money Gannaway Seal
James *X* Johns Seal
his mark
John Woodson Seal
John Gannaway, Guard. Seal

1793 November 22nd This is to certify that we whose names are hereunto subscribed are perfectly willing and consenting to an equal distribtution of that part of our Deceased Fathers John Gannaway Junior estate as was claimed by our mother as her dower; She having also departed this life.

In witness thereof we have each of us affixed hereto our hands an seals the day & year above written

Teste	Robert Sanders	Seal
Nathen Cox	John Woodson	Seal
James Watt	John Gannaway	Seal
George Cox	James Johns	Seal
	Greggory Gannaway	Seal
	Money Gannaway	Seal
	Charles Walker	Seal
	Reubin Sea	Seal
	Robert Gannaway	Seal
	Will P. Gannaway	Seal
	Thomo Gannaway	Seal

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OLD DONATION CHURCH, VIRGINIA BEACH

Wills of Benjamin and Sarah Evans

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: *These wills have been transcribed from the original in the manner in which they were originally written.*

The Will of Benjamin Evans

In the name of God Amen; I Benja (Benjamin) Evans of Martin Brandon Parish & county of Pr. George being Sick & weak but of sound & perfect Memory thanks bee to God for the Same and considering the certainty of Death & ye Uncertainty of the time Thereof doe make & declare This to bee my last will & Testament (Viz.) My Soul I resigne to God That gave it mee hopeing & assuredly believing Thro ye Merritts Death & passion of my Blessed Savior & redeemer Jesus Christ to have & Obtain free pardon remission & forgiveness of all my sins My body to ye earth from Whense it came to receave decent buriall at ye discression of my Executors herein After named & for Those worldly goods it hath Pleased Almighty God to make mee Steward of in this Vale of Sorrow I give & dispose thereof as Ffolloweth.

Imprs. I give & bequeath Unto my Son Benja Evans One Negro girle called Beck with all her increase One good feather bed with good & decent furniture thereto belonging, I doe further give & bequeath to my sd. Son Benja One halfe part of my Plantation & conveniences Thereunto appataing (appertaining) boath in Quantity & Quallity lying & being in Wey=anoke Parish in Cha Citty County, & late in ye Possession of John Wrey, & to him & his heirs forever but in case of ye Death & Departure of my sd. Son before hee arrives to full age or dyes without issue Lawfully begotten that then the above sd. land & negro with her increase bee Equally Devided between My two Daughters---Rebecca & Mary to them & their Heirs forever, & further my will & desire is that if James Lawrence Should happen to be liveing at ye time of my Son Benja arrivall to full age that in that case my sd. Son Shall have the full life & enjoyment of my Plantacon in Charles Citty County, now in ye possession of Davis Blanks & Prs.(Peter) Johnson dureing ye life of ye sd. James Lawrences & noe longer_

Item, I give & bequeath Unto my Daughter Rebecca Evans One Negro boy called Nick One good feather bed with good & decent furniture thereto, I alsoe give devise & bequeath unto my sd. Daughter Rebecca all that tract of land lying & being in Cha Citty County now in the possession of David Blanks & Peter Johnson Under ye above written

limitacon with ye Other Halfe of ye land given my Son Benja & lying in Waynoake to her & her Heirs forever_

Item I give & bequeath Unto my Daughter Mary Evans One Negro boy called Will One feather bed with good & decent furniture thereto & Alsoe give Unto my sd. Daughter Mary all My lands Wheresoever or whatso ever lying & being in Pr. Geo. County to her & her Heirs forever_

Item, I give & bequeath Unto my Dear & loveing Wife Sarah Evans One Negro Women called Jenny & ye labour or remaining part of The Servide of Robt. Dickson.

All ye rest & residue & remainding part of my Estate of what Nature Kind or Quality soever, My will and desire is that ye Same be Equally Devided between My sd. Wife Sarah & My three Children, Benja Rebecca & Mary, & of This my last Will & Testament doe Nominate constitute & appoint my loveing & Tender Wife Sarah Evans with my loveing friend David Jones whole & Sole Exrs. hereby renouncing & makeing void all or other former wills or Testaments heretofore by mee made In Wittness Whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this 21st day Aprill Ano. Dom: 1711_

Signed Sealed & Dld. mark of
in ye presence of Benja *X* Evans
Fran. Clemments
(other name not legible)

Pr George Court The 11th June 1711

The last will & Testament of Benja Evans (being next before written) was proved in Open Court by the Oathes of Fra. Clements & Martha Markes Witnesses Thereto & a prob: Thereof granted Sarah his relict & Exx. & David Jones Exr. named Therein & at Their prayer the Same was Ordered to be Recorded & it is truly Recorded

Test. E. Goodrich D Cler

From Prince George County *Deeds, Wills, Etc. 1710-1713 Book B*, pp 38-40.

The Will of Sarah Evans

In the name of God Amen, November the 8th Anno Dom. 1711, I Sarah Evans of Pr. Geo County & parish of Martin brandon being sick & weak in body, but of sound & perfect sence & memory Thanks bee given to God for the Same doe constitute Appoint & Ordaine this my last Will & Testament in maner & forme following:--

Imprs. I bequeath My Soul to God that gave it mee hopeing by the merritts of Jesus Christ My Reedeemer to Inheritt Eternall life & my body to ye earth from Whence it came to bee decently buryed at ye discression of my Exrs. herin mentioned.

Item I give to my Son Benja Evans a Young maire named Watt & her Increase & a Sett of troopere Armes, that was his fathers, & a Chest That was his fathers & a little Iron pott, & it is my will that hee Shall bee ffree for himselfe at ye age of eighteeen & to receave what I have bequeath him at that age

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Evans a maire named Jenny & a Side Sadle & bridle, & my trunk & a Callico Suit of Cloathes, & twenty Shillings to buy her a ring

Item I give my Daughter Rebecca Evans my rideing gound & Twenty Shillings to buy her a ring

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Bucknall a ring & all ye remainder of my Waring Cloathes

Item I give & bequeath unto my four Grand Children of Sarah Bucknalls, Wm. Bucknall, Lawrence Bucknall, Elira Bucknall & Henry Bucknall After ye Estate is Settled of my Deceased Husband, I give to the aforesd. grandChildren the remainder of my personall Estate to be Equally Devided among them

I desire that David Jones will take the care of My Loving Benja till ye age of eighteen.

And I doe hereby constitute & appoint Lawrence Bucknall my Sole Exer. of this my last will and Testament cir Wittness my hand & Seale the day & year above mentioned_

Signed & Delivered
in presence of Us
Tho T Scarbro
her
Martha *M* Markes
marke

her
Sarah *SE* Evans
marke

Pr Geo County Court 11 day of ye Dec 1711

The Above Written last Will & Testament of Sarah Evans, decd, was proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Tho Scrbro (Scarbrough) & Matha Markes Wittnesses Thereto & a probate Thereof granted Lawrence Buckner Exer. mencond Therein, & at his prayer the Same was ordered to bee recorded & it is truly Recorded.

Test E. Goodrick D Clerk

From Prince George County *Deeds, Wills, Etc. 1710-1711 Book B*, pp 73-73.

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A Southside Record Found in Tennessee

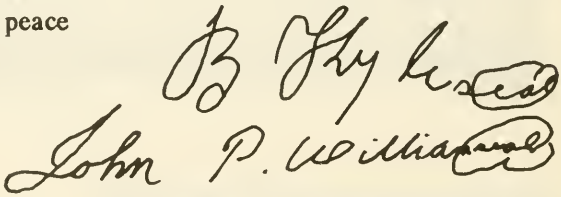
Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: *This record submitted by Virginia C. Murphey, Mesa, Arizona, 85201, with the notation that the Power of Attorney is from Smith County, Tennessee, and the original was located in the vault at the library. While this information is not as definitive as one would like it to be, the document is a copy of the original and the information may be of real value in locating these people. It is transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.*

Know all men by these presents that we Bartley Kyle and John P Williams both of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee have made, nominated and appointed and by these presents do make nominate and appoint George W. Kyle of the county of Buckingham and state of Virginia our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names and for our use and benefit to ask, demand, sue for recover, and receive of and from the Estate of William Brown Deceased of Buckingham county Virginia all such sum or sums of money debts and demands whatsoever which is coming to us as Legatees of said Brown Decd and that the said George W Kyle to take all lawful ways and means in our names or otherwise for the recovery thereof, by attachments, arrest, distress or otherwise and to compound, arbitrate and agree for the same, and as other sufficient discharges for the same for us and in our names to make seal and deliver and to do all lawful acts and things whatsoever concerning its premias (?) as fully and in every respect as ourselves might or could do were we personally present, and attornies one or more under him for the purposes aforesaid to make and again at his own pleasure to revoke ratifying and confirming and by these presents allowing Whatsoever our said attorney shall in our name lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the premises (?) by virture of these presents In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the 15th day of January 1835.

Signed in the presance of us
J W Overall (JP) Justices of
James Gardner (JP) the peace

Ack B Kyle Seal
John P Williams Seal



Selections from Halifax County Deed Books 26 - 27 (1816 - 1819)

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Continued from Vol. X No. 2, pp. 62-65.

Editor's Note: These powers of attorney recorded in the Halifax County Deed Books were selected and abstracted by Mr. Kolbe to identify persons who migrated from Halifax County; to give their place of residence and their continued ties with the county of Halifax. They are presented with the deed book number first and then the page number in that book.

DB 26, p. 325 Charles McCarty of Christian County, Kentucky to Benjamin Boxley of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to sell land in Halifax Co.

dated: 1 November 1816 recorded: 23 December 1816

DB 26, p. 342 Where as Richard Claughton late of Halifax County, Virginia dec^{d} left property to James Claughton dec^{d} which is now claimed by James's children one of which is Mary F. Shepherd (late Mary F. Claughton) of Mason County, Kentucky who is married to John Shepherd. John & Mary F. Shepherd to John L. Claughton power of attorney to collect our share of the estate of Richard Claughton dec^{d}.

dated: 7 December 1816

Milley Buding late Milley Claughton stated John L. Claughton, Elisha E. Claughton, Mary F. Shepherd late Claughton are the children of the late James Claughton & Milley.

dated: 3 December 1816

Elisha E. Claughton orphan of James Claughton dec^{d} has as his appointed guardian his mother Milley Buding late Claughton.

dated: 9 December 1816 recorded: 2 January 1817

DB 26, p. 344 Milley Buding late Milley Claughton guardian for heirs of James Claughton dec^{d} of County of Bourbon of state of Kentucky to son

John Lewis Claughton of the county and state aforesaid power of attorney to receive from the executor or administrator of the estate of Richard Claughton dec[d] late of Halifax County, Virginia, whatever is coming from the estate to my son Elisha Easts Claughton who is one of the heirs at law of Richard Claughton dec[d].

dated: 5 December 1814 recorded: 27 January 1817

Milly Buding acknowledged power of attorney before the justices of the peace of Harrison County, Kentucky, 7 December 1816.

DB 26, p. 374 Catharine B. Borum of Highland County, Ohio one of the heirs of John Borum late of Montgomery County, Virginia, dec[d], to my brother Obed A. Borum of the county and state aforesaid power of attorney to sell property in right of heirship to estate aforesaid, to wit 50 acres in Halifax County, Virginia on the waters of Polecat Creek, or do any other acts confirming a sale here to for made by my mother Judith Borum & further part of a tract lying in Montgomery county on the waters of Little River.

dated: 28 July 1812 recorded: 24 March 1817

DB 26, p. 473 Lucy Osborne executor of Skiam Osborne to Robert Latton of Tennessee power of attorney to collect from William Hickman $175 due by bond dated 7 January 1812.

dated: 5 July 1817 recorded: 5 July 1817

DB 26, p. 496 William Weadon of Halifax County but late of Loudon County to Edward Carlton of the former county, power of attorney to receive from my brother Richard Weadon of latter mentioned county, slaves George and Pompey and one thousand dollars.

dated: 21 April 1817 recorded: 21 April 1817

DB 26, p. 513 William Wilson & Wiley Wilson of Halifax to Stephen Mays of Oglethorp County, Georgia power of attorney to handle a claim against Field Wilson of Georgia on account of being securety for said F. Wilson for a debt to Stephen P. Pool guardian for Wilson's orphans.

dated: 6 August 1817 recorded: 6 August 1817

DB 26, p. 652 Berryman Green of Halifax County, Virginia executor of Obadiah Kirby dec[d] of Halifax County to Ruth Kirby of Highland County, Ohio power of attorney to receive from Thomas Burgess & Elizabeth his wife who was formerly Elizabeth Hendricks, sister and distributee of Joseph Hendricks dec[d]. Thomas Burgess & Elizabeth his wife are now residents of

Highland County, Ohio to receive from same a title to 104 acres in Wilson County, Tennessee formerly belonging to Joseph Hendricks dec^{d}.

dated: 10 January 1817 recorded: 4 January 1818

DB 27, p. 14 Samuel Goode & his wife Fanny W. Goode of town of Hantsville, Madison County, Alabama Territory to Richard Bacon power of attorney to receive that portion of the estate of William Rowlett dec^{d} which may be due us.

dated: 11 November 1817 recorded: 23 November 1818

DB 27, p. 77 Byrd Sizemore of Christian County, Kentucky to Peter Vaughn of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney in the estate of George Sizemore dec^{d}.

dated: 17 January 1818 recorded: 25 May 1818

DB 27, p. 98 Thomas J. Williams of Halifax County about to remove to Kentucky to son, Samuel Williams, power to attorney to handle all my affairs.

dated: 9 November 1816 recorded: 4 June 1817

DB 27, p. 122 Edmond Chissum of Davidson County, Tennessee to John Chissum of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to sell land on the Staunton River.

dated: 11 June 1818 recorded: 22 June 1818

DB 27, p. 122 George Salmon of Greenville District, South Carolina to Isaac Mealey of Halifax County power of attorney to sell 129 acres on Willis Creek it being land conveyed to me by William Sammons dated 12 May 1797.

dated: 14 September 1811 recorded: 22 June 1818

DB 27, p. 131 Fleming County, Kentucky, Spencer Griffin to son, Avery Green Griffin, power of attorney to dispose of land which I purchased of John Sizemore Halifax County, Virginia as seen in a deed dated March 1792.

dated: 30 March 1818 recorded: 2 July 1818

DB 27, p. 175 Alexander Carter administrator of the estate of Matthew Cabines dec^{d} of Halifax County, Virginia to Elisha Dodson power of attorney to collect from representatives of Charles Cabines dec^{d} late of Jones County, Georgia, all monies which may be due the estate of Matthew Cabanis.

dated: 14 August 1818 recorded: 18 August 1818

DB 27, p. 283 Samuel Williams of Halifax County to John Beard to recover slaves removed by Samuel Rudder to North Carolina.

dated: 18 December 1818 recorded: 19 December 1818

DB 27, p. 368 Larkin Seamore of Granger County, Tennessee to Coleman Cox & William Webb of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to receive my part of John Bruce Sen., estate left to me in his will, Jesse Munday adm. of his will.

dated: 4 July 1818 recorded: 25 January 1819

DB 27, p. 505 William Chaney of Nicholas County, Kentucky to William Crutcher of Virginia power of attorney to conduct business to wit Dudley Brooke dec[d] father of my wife Martha by his will dated 14 August 1805 recorded Charlotte County, Virginia, to Martha Chaney 2 parts out of 6 of all his personal property & appointed John Brooke his ex. who has also departed this life. Six slaves to John Brooke (Titus, Hanes, Amea, John, Queen, Cupit), if he has no children to be divided between Samuel Brooke, Francis Brooke, Sally Chaney dau of William Chaney. John Brooke died without issue, to (William Crutcher) power of attorney to rec of estate of John Brooke dec[d] the legacy left to my wife in will of Dudley Brooke her father. Suit brought by Samuel Brooke, Francis Brooke, Sally Chaney to recover negroes.

dated: 21 April 1819 recorded: 24 May 1819

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The Roanoke and Southern Road, Through Franklin County

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Essie W. Smith, Rocky Mount, VA December 12, 1937.

Date: 1880

Historical Significance:

For many years the only connections of Franklin County with the outside world was through the stage coach which journeyed perilously across Grassy Hill to Big Lick, now Roanoke, Virginia. Of course there was also the covered wagon, drawn by horses, mules or oxen, the gig, used by professional men generally, the carriage of the more affluent, and most of all the horse back riding which was the most common means of transportation. By some of these processes George Washington and Andrew Jackson, and earlier still, William Byrd passed through the County, and Patrick Henry made many pilgrimages to Richmond and the eastern part of the State. Hardy pioneers make themselves politically useful, and participated in all the conflicts of the Country from Vincennes to Appomattox. There were brave soldiers listed from this county in the Revolution, in the War of 1812, and in vast numbers they swelled the ranks of the Confederate army.

It was not until 1880 that the Franklin and Pittsylvania Railroad was established to run between Pittsville and Rocky Mount. People flocked from every section of the county to see the new steam wonder puffing and blowing along its iron tracks.

The narrow gauge was later widened to standard, and the road was in operation until 1924 when it was purchased at a receivers sale by E. P. Angle, C. S. Bennett, and R. E. Ferguson. It was discontinued after a short time.

But the great advantage in transportation was accomplished in the late "eighties" when the Roanoke and Southern (now the Norfolk and Western R. R.) was completed through the County. Beginning at Roanoke once known as "Big Lick," the road crosses the Roanoke River and winds so deviously across "Greassy Hill" that it was known by the old timers as the

"Pumpkin Vine Trail." After crossing this branch of the Blue Ridge where it reaches its maximum elevation at Ferrum (1321 feet) it strikes Smith's River, and runs for miles along its banks. It reaches the junction of the Mayo and Dan Rivers at Mayodan, passes, Madison and Walnut Cove and thence by Walkertown to Winston-Salem.

The Virginia portion of the road was incorporated in 1886. On April twentieth of that year a meeting was held at Roanoke Hotel in the evening. Later the meeting adjourned to the "Skating Rink," a more commodious place of meeting. Colonel David F. Houston, general manager of the Crozer Iron Works, was elected President; Henry C. Lester, of Martinsville vice-president; S. W. Jamison, of Roanoke, Secretary; E. H. Stewart, Treasurer. The directors were Henry S. Trout, J. Fleming Christian, Dr. J. D. Kirk, J. C. Moomaw, W. K. Andrews, P. L. Terry, J. M. Gambill, Maj. Andrew Lewis, T. M. Starkey, and Joseph T. Engleby.

In June 1887, the lines in Virginia and North Carolina were consolidated under the name of the Roanoke and Southern Railway Company. The principal offices were in Roanoke and the line, 122.53 miles long was to standard gauge. The road from Winston-Salem to Martinsville was known as Division "A" and was constructed before the remainder of the line which was known as Division "B". The line from Martinsville to Roanoke lay through a mountainous country much more difficult and costly to construct.

On June 18, 1890 Henry S. Trout, of Roanoke, was made President of the Roanoke and Southern Railway Company. Andrew Obderdonk was appointed chief engineer. On June 17, 1890, Robert A. Buckner, who was later made Superintendent of the American Railway Express Company, was elected a director of the Roanoke and Southern Railway to represent the city of Roanoke. The heaviest part of the 57 miles between Roanoke and Martinsville was delayed by the mountainous part of the country through which it runs occasion [*sic*] slides and washouts.

Colonel H. F. Fries was elected president of the part of the road incorporated in North Carolina, with R. J. Reynolds, F. J. Stone, C. B. Watson, George W. Hinshaw and C. H. Fogle directors.

The line of the Roanoke and Southern was opened for traffic from Winston-Salem to Roanoke early in 1892. In September 1891, Henry S. Trout resigned as president of the Virginia part of the road, and Colonel Fries was made president of the entire route. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Trout and he

remained as first vice-president. G. W. Maslin was appointed general manager.

In March 1892, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company leased the Roanoke and Southern, and it became the Winston-Salem Division, with D. H. Barger Superintendent. In August 1893, Mr. Barger was transferred and Mr. H. H. S. Fandy was made superintendent of the Winston-Salem Division. In 1896, the property was purchased by the Norfolk and Western and made a part of their system.

The right of way in Franklin County was granted by the following citizens: Hale and Wigington, Benjamin W. Brooks, A. T. Dillard, Daniel and Joel Fisher, Thomas J. Peters, John A. Wright, James and W. S. Pinckard, Thomas B. Greer, J. M. Williams, E. A. and F. A. Pearson, Oliver D. Wray, Robert C. Bernard, John W. Abshire, Robert and Mary Poindexter, Sam Alexandria, M. D. and J. B. Boon, Mitchells and Bernard, Franklin and Pittsylvania R. R., Mary D. Hale *et als*, Rocky Mount Land and Improvement Company, John O. Taylor, Nancy Pearson and E. Hardy, Landon Hale, Judith Wirtz, *et als*, Baptist Church, Angell and Garst, W. S. Boone, W. J. Ferguson and T. C. Blair, Milly Pate, R. M. Menefee, G. W. Cooper *et als*, Joseph Wray and Peter Fisher, Davis Fisher, Asa Wright, Otey Wright, I. M. Menefee, Samuel Wirtz, Tony Bernard, Josiah Waid, A. J. Sims, Julia Doughton, J. P. McNeil, Ferdinand Wade, Creed W. Wade, Edmune Waid, Charles Asher, A. J. Felps, Boon Dameron, Mary Boon *et als*, Joseph Austin and wife, Ann M. and Abram J. Naff, Sallie and Walter Chitwood, Susan and Martha P. Waid, William Turner, John L. Matthews.

Sources of Information:

Informant: Franklin County Court Records.
Holcombe Parkes, Editor of Norfolk and Western Magazine.

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A Southside Record Found in Kentucky

Transcribed by Ernestine C. Keller

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PAGE 176 MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

LAFFOON TO FRANCIS

Know all men by these presents that James Laffoon of Madison County and State of Kentucky do by these presents Constitute and appoint Evan Francis of the County of Jessamine and State aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to act and do all things that may be necessary proper and lawful in demanding receiving setling adjusting by-bringing Suit or otherwise for the part of John Edmondsons Estate willed to John Barrier and of which the said Barrier was to have possession at the death of Martha Edmondson Widow of said John Edmondson which Estate was willed to said Barrier by said John Edmondson deceased Situate lying and being in the County of Dinwoodie in the State of Virginia hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney may lawfully do in the premises aforesaid In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and my Seal this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and five — 1805.

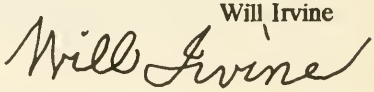
Signed and Delivered
In presence of us
John Denham
Joseph Nicholason James Laffoon S.S.
his
Archibald *X* Hicks
mark

Examd & Deliv[d]

State of Kentucky
and Sct.
Madison County

I do hereby certify that this Power of Attorney was produced to me as Clerk to the County Court aforesaid on the 19 day of July 1806 which was proved to be the act and deed of James Laffoon by the oath of John Denham Joseph Nicholson & Archibald Hicks witnesses thereto and the same has been duly Recorded in my office

Attest
Will Irvine



Benjamin Chapman Donaldson

Submitted by Ysabel D. Litchfield

Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, born c1697, died May, 1775, married Mary _?_

1. Mary Donaldson m. James Dupree, son of Louis Dupree (duPre)
   - a. Elizabeth Dupree
   - b. Sterling Dupree, b. c1740
   - c. Benjamin Chapman Dupree, b. c1742
   - d. Bird Dupree, b. c1750
   - e. Thomas Dupree, b. 1772
2. Elizabeth Donaldson m. Arthur Turner
   - a. Donaldson Turner
   - b. John Turner
   - c. Milly Turner
3. Sarah Donaldson m. (Joshua?) Hines
   - a. Ann Hines
   - b. Sterling Hines
   - c. Herbert Hines
   - d. Mary Hines
   - e. Elizabeth Hines
4. _?_ Donaldson m. _?_ Rives
   - a. Hannah Rives
5. (John Donaldson?)

The following references are a chronolgical listing of documents pertaining to the individuals above:

July 19, 1715	Surry Co., Va., Deed Book 5, p. 245 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witness to deed from Benjamin Chapman, Surry, to Samuel Cornwall.
June 4, 1719	Isle of Wight Co., Va., Vol. 2, Part 1, p. 242 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from Francis Lee to Thomas Day.
Sept. 27, 1719	Isle of Wight Co., Va., Vol. 2, Part 1, p. 283 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from John Fiveash to Wm. Drew of Surry.
June 16, 1721	Surry Co., Va., Deed Book 8, p. 367 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from John Barker and Mary, his wife, Southwark Parish, to Thomas Peters.

Dec. 1, 1723	Isle of Wight Co., Va., Vol. 2, Part 2, p. 636 - Nicholas Smith to Benjamin Chapman Donaldson of Isle of Wight - 100A
Feb. 22, 1724	Patent Book 12 (1724-1726), p. 226 - Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, Surry Co. - 250A in Isle of Wight Co. on South side Meherrin River adjoining Edw. Brantley, Mierey Meadow, Jackson's land, banks of Meherrin River.
Apr. 1, 1724	Isle of Wight Co., Va., Vol. 2, Part 2, p. 640 - Benjamin Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from Thomas Rives and wife, Mary, to Samuel Clark, Surry.
Apr. 18-19, 1725	Surry Co., Va., Wills and Deeds, Book 7, Part II (1715-1730), p. 586 -Thomas Jordan, James Jordan and River of Jordan, Isle of Wight Co., to Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, same. 122A - 40 sh - land in Parish of Southwark, Surry Co., late in tenure and occupation of William Hux. Mentions Wm. Blackburn's land, Nathaniel Harrison's land, Geo. Norwood's land, Joseph Wytherington's land. (Lease and release.) Mary, wife of Thomas Jordan, relinquished right of dower. Wit: Wm. Gray, Jr., Ethelred Taylor, John Newsom Proved May 19, 1725.
Sept. 15, 1731	Surry Co., Va., Book 8, Vol. 1, 1730-1738, p. 221 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from Wm. Brodnax, James City Co., to John Cargill, Surry.
Jan. 16-17, 1732	Surry Co., Book 8, Vol. 1, 1730-1738, p. 255 - Geo. Norwood, Bertie Precinct, N.C., to Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, Surry - 80A (remainder illegible) Lease and release. Wit: John Cargill, Wm. Gray, Jr. Rec. Jan. 17, 1732
July 16-17, 1734	Surry Co., Book 8, Vol. 1, Part II (1730-1738), p. 301 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson, Surry Co., to James Bradby, mariner - 5 sh. - 202 (?)A deeded by Thomas Jordan plus 85A purchased of George Norwood of Bertie Precinct, N.C. Lease and release. Wit: Nathaniel Harrison, Patrick Adams Rec. July 17, 1734
Aug. 21, 1734	Surry Co., Book 8, Vol. 1, Part II (1730-1738), p. 301 - Mary Donaldson, wife of within named Benj. C. Donaldson, relinquished dower in above land.
Oct. 7, 1734	Brunswick Co., Va., Deeds, Wills Book 1, p. 135 - Joseph Parke of Brunswick Co., to Benj. C. Donaldson - £100 - 400A "whereon I now live" - part of Brunswick Co. formerly Isle of Wight Co. - part of a grant to Edw. Brantley Mar. 18, 1717, and part of grant to Richard Myrick Feb. 22, 1724 of 67A - Total of 467 A - 5sh. Wit: Thos. Cooke, Thos. Avent, Chas. Lucas, Dan'l. Eubank. Proved Oct. 7, 1734

Mar. 20, 1735	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 1, p. 285 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson a witness with Simon Turner and Robert Clark, to will of Robert Hicks.
Aug. 29, 1736	Surry Co., 1730-1738, p. 648 - Will of Mary Chapman, Surry. Pro. December 15, 1736: To: Daus. - Mary Pierce and Sarah Bamer, NC and Mary Donaldson and Ann Foster Gr. children - Hannah and Mary Bamer Son - John Chapman, Executor Son - William Taylor of Kingdom of Ireland
Oct. 7, 1736	Brunswick Co. Orders, Book 1, p. 137 - Justices to treat with the Court of Isle of Wight County concerning the building of a bridge over the Meherrin River at or near Benjamin Chapman Donaldson's
Dec. 1, 1736	Brunswick Co., Va. Deed Book 1, p. 298 - Benj. Chapman Donaldson witnessed deed from John Douglas to John Chapman.
Oct. 26, 1738	Prince George Co., Va., Minutes, p. 199 - Wm. Worthan, Jr. came into court and made claim for 200 lbs. tobacco for taking up a runaway negro man belonging to Benjamin Chapman Donaldson of Surry Co.
Dec. 21, 1740	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 2, p. 55 - Will of John Chapman, Rockford, St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick Co., Gentleman, Dec. 21, 1740, Pro. June 2, 1743: To: Wife - Rebecca Chapman, Executrix Sons - William Chapman, Benjamin Chapman Godchildren Dau. - Mary Chapman Sister - Mary Donaldson Wit: Samuel Chamberlin, William Chamberlin, William Adams
Apr. 6, 1744	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 2, p. 81 - Inventory of estate of John Lucas, Mary Lucas, Adm. - Appraisers: Benj. Chapman Donaldson, Lewis Dupree, Sr., John Dupree
Nov. 1, 1744	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 2, p. 99 - Inventory of estate of Charles Ross. Ordered Nov. 1, 1744, Recorded Apr. 4, 1744/5, Batt Peterson, Exec. Appraisers: Benj. Chapman Donaldson, Burrell Brown, Timothy Rives
Apr. 29, 1746	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 2, p. 169 - Inventory of estate of John Donaldson, dec'd. by Elizabeth Donaldson, Adm. - Appraisers: M. Cadet Young, Thos. Lanier, Wm. Edwards.
Mar. 3, 1747	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 2, p. 143 - Inventory of estate of William Deloach, ordered Mar. 3, 1747, recorded Apr. 7, 1748, Frances and Eleanor Deloach, Execs. Appraisers: Benj. Chapman Donaldson, James Haley, John Fennell.

May 14, 1747	Isle of Wight Co., Va., Deed Book 7, p. 457 - Benj. Clifton to Absalom Smith - 100A North side Meherrin River. Land granted to Nicholas Smith in 1719, to Benjamin Chapman Donaldson April 27, 1724, by Benj. Chapman Donaldson to Edward Jackquelin of James City, and by executor of Jacquelin's estate in Apr. 1747 to Benj. Clifton.
May 19, 1748	Brunswick Co., Va. Will Book 2, p. 174 - Will of David Cumins, May 19, 1748, Rec. Sept. 26, 1749, witnessed by Benj. Chapman Donaldson and Lewis Dupree.
June 1748	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 3, p. 520 - Poll for Burgesses: Benjamin Chapman Donaldson listed
Mar. 1749-50	William and Mary Quarterly, Ser. 1, Vol. 26, p. 436 - Notes from Records of Charles City Co. Order Books: Will of Henry Taylor proved by Ethelred and William Taylor, executors. Ordered that his estate in Charles City and Brunswick be appraised. Benj. Chapman Donaldson one of appraisers in Brunswick Co.
Mar. 31, 1752	Brunswick Co. Orphan's Book - Elizabeth Donaldson, orphan of John Donaldson, dec'd. Fred W. Jones, guardian.
Nov. 27, 1753	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 5, p. 474 - Benjamin Chapman Donaldson to daughter, Mary and her husband, James Dupree - 67A South side Meherrin River - Original patent to Richard Myrick. (See deed Oct. 7, 1734) Wit: Michael Wall, Nath. Hicks, Wm. Chapman
Jan. 25, 1757	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 6, p. 178 - Thomas Jordan to Thomas Dupree, both of Brunswick Co. *45 - 150A on North side of Meherrin River, adjoining Donalson. Wit: Haley Dupree, Burwell Jordan, Drury Jordan Prov. July 26, 1757
Mar. 16, 1757	Surry Co., Va., Deed Book 7, 1753-1757, p. 309 - William Alexander, Surry, to Benj. Chapman Donaldson, Brunswick - £34, 9sh. - 150A in Southwark Parish, Surry. Rec. Nov. 16, 1757
Jan. 16, 1758	Surry Co., Va., Deed Book 7, p. 384 - Benj. C. Donaldson, Brunswick Co., to William Salter, Surry - £25 - 150A in Surry Co. purchased from William Alexander. Wit: John Ruffin, John Newsom, John Cornwall Rec. Feb. 21, 1758 (Bond that wife of Benj. C. Donaldson by reason of age and infirmity, could not readily attend court at Surry to relinquish right of dower.)
Feb. 14, 1761	Virginia Land Patent, Book 34, p. 858 - James Dupra - 50A in Brunswick Co. adjoining Dolinson's (Donaldson's) line.

Mar. 27, 1762	Southampton Co., Va., *The Southside Virginian*, Vol. I, No. 3, p. 140 - from loose papers found in Clerk's office - Depositions in chancery and judgement papers - Benjamin Chapman Donaldson - 65 years; Mar. 27, 1762
1772	Brunswick Co., Va., Order Book 12, p. 510 - Deed of gift from Benjamin Chapman Donaldson to Benj. Chapman Dupree proved by the oaths of Arthur Turner and Thomas Dupree, two of the witnesses.
Sept. 15, 1772	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 10, p. 466 - Benj. C. Donaldson to "my grandson, Thomas Dupree" "love and affection" - negro boy, "Will" Wit: Robert Dupree, John More, Thomas Dupree Proved Sept. 28, 1772 (Note: The Thomas Dupree listed as witness in above two deeds is obviously at least 21 years old. Thomas Dupree, grandson of Benj. C. Donaldson, was born in 1772.)
Dec. 27, 1773	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 11, p. 260 - Benj. C. Donaldson to son-in-law, Arthur Turner - £1000 - plantation whereon lives, slaves. To be paid £20 yearly.
Dec. 27, 1773	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 11, p. 364 - Benj. C. Donaldson, in consideration of "my son-in-law, Arthur Turner, making and conveying unto my grandson, John Turner, son of said Arthur Turner and Elizabeth, his wife, one certain tract of land in Dobbs Co., Province of N.C., 600A purchased of James _?_ by Simon Turner, deceased, father to said Arthur Turner and by said Simon Turner devised to his said son Arthur as by his last will and testament, etc..." "love and affection" have toward son-in-law, Arthur Turner and to daughter, Elizabeth, wife of the said Arthur Turner - 400A - mentions grandsons: Donaldson, and John Turner, sons of Arthur and Elizabeth and Thomas Dupree.
Mar. 26, 1774	Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 11, p. 261 - Benj. C. Donaldson to Thomas Dupree, Jr. - 116A 5 sh. - 116A on Miery Meadow Branch - Grant to Thomas Jackson dated Feb. 22, 1724. Wit: Isham Fennell, Arthur Turner, Henry Dupree Proved Mar. 28, 1774
May 22, 1775	Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 4, Part II, p. 418 - Will of Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, May 9, 1775, Pro. May 22, 1775: To: Dau. - Sarah Hines Gr. son - Sterling Hines Gr. son - Donaldson Turner Dau. - Elizabeth Turner Dau. - Mary Dupree Gr. dau. - Elizabeth Dupree Gr. daus. - Hannah Rives and Ann Hines Also to following (relationship not given):

George Wyche - ring, value 20sh.
Nancy Wyche, Rebecca Wyche, Rebecca Dupree, Hannah Hines, Elizabeth Wyche, Elizabeth Dupree — to each a ring at 10 sh. value
Executors: Nathaniel Wyche, Thomas Turner, Jr.
Wit: Isham Fennell, Henry Dupree, Thomas Dupree
Proved May 22, 1775 by Isham Fennell and Thomas Dupree, Jr. Executors refused to qualify. David Hines appointed Adm., bonded for £2000. Bond signed by Thomas Dupree and (Jeremiah ?) Davis.

Nov. 5, 1775 — Brunswick Co., Va., Deed Book 12, p. 57 - James Dupree, Pitt Co., N.C. to Burwell Bass, Brunswick Co., Va. - £60 - 50A in Brunswick Co. adjoining Donaldson's line.
Wit: Aaron Atkinson, Anne Atkinson, Mary Atkinson
Rec. June 24, 1776

Feb. 15, 1777 — Brunswick Co., Va., Will Book 4, p. 505 - Will of Arthur Turner, Probated Mar. 24, 1777
To: Sons - Donaldson Turner and John Turner
Dau. - Milly Turner
Brother - Thomas Turner
Sister - Dorcas Clifton
Wit: David Hines

Nov. 1786
Mar. 1787
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Nov. 1790 — Greensville Co. Old Chancery Papers, "Dead" Files, Nos. 1-4 — Petition of Herbert Hines, one of the children of Sarah Hines, dec'd., who was daughter of Benjamin Chapman Donalson, dec'd. Benj. Chap. Donaldson was in his lifetime posessed of considerable estate. His will 9 May _ (no year shown) devised to Sarah Hines, slaves, namely, Isle of Wight, Surry, Jack, Jacob, etc. On the _ day of _ the said Sarah Hines the mother of your orator and two other children, to wit, Mary and Elizabeth Hines. John Pritchett their special guardian. (not entirely clear)
On the reverse of this document was: Nov. 1786, Mar. 1787, Mar. 1790, and Case Dismissed Nov. 1790. Turner Bynum, James Turner, and John Britt were appointed by the Court to divide the estate.

Oct. 3, 1786 — Greensville Co., Deed Book 1, p. 223 - Herbert Hines to Francis Dancy and Chislow Morris - 400A given to Sterling Hines, brother to the said Herbert Hines, by Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, grandfather to the said Sterling and Herbert, and descended to the said Herbert Hines by death of his said brother Sterling, as Heir at Law.
Wit: Batt Peterson, Chas. Ross, Matt. Mayes, Turner Bynum

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ATKINSON, HUDSON: I have photograph taken 23 May 1948 of Freddie Wray Atkinson about one year old, and Betty Hudson about two years old holding Easter basket. Would like to place with descendant of either child. **Christine Levet Gerbel, 3143 Deer Meadow Dr, Blackhawk, Danville, CA 94506.**

TSCHIRHART, ALLEN, WILSON: John Jacob Tschirhart b 1714 at Soppe, Thann, France. Son of Nicholas Tschirhart and Juliane Manngolt. Margaret Allen b 1864 NY state, dau of James Allen and Letty Wilson. Seek connections. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

MATHIS/MATHEWS: Seek parents of James Mathis/Mathews who owned property in Surry Co 1716, removed to Brunswick Co 1728, d c1762 Halifax Co, NC. Was James the immigrant ancestor or was he born in VA? **Mrs. Betty Mathis, 17080 E Comstock, Linden, CA 95236.**

MARTIN, ELLIS: Seek info on parents of Thomas Martin b c1802, m 1837 in Bedford Co to Emily Ellis, dau of Benjamin & Tellitha Mitchell Ellis. Thomas and Emily left Bedford Co c1843 to Patrick Co. Seek parents of Benjamin Ellis. **Mrs. Paul R. Martin, 4965 Hauser Dr, Pfafftown, NC 27040.**

BOND, WRIGHT, PLATT, EVANS, PAGE, HAWKINS: Exchange on these in York Co 1600s. Seek info on William and Ann Bond late 1600s. Edward and John Wright in will of William Hawkins 1656. Was Ann Bond a Page and of what line? Seek info on Evans of York & Rappahannock 1600s. **Dorothy H. Ward, 11030 SW 52nd Ct, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33328-4706.**

BARNETT, CURRIE: Seek origin with proof Hugh Barnett in Orange Co, now Person, NC. Virginia line 1752. Land grant 1754. Will probated 1797 named wife Elizabeth, two minor children. Son Thomas served Rev War. Currie b 1771, Hugh Jr d 1796. Was Elizabeth second wife? Was first wife Miss Currie? **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St, Sumter, SC 29150.**

MAJOR, HENDRICKS: Will exchange and seek info on John Major b c1750s VA, m Martha/Elizabeth _?_. Oldest dau Sarah b c1772, m David Hendricks maybe in Newberry or Orangeburg Dist, SC. Son, John Perry Major b VA, m Mary Ann Marshall 1801 in Newberry Dist, SC. A possible son, Epps Major, m 1802 Elizabeth Teague, maybe in New. Dist. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W River Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662.**

KING, BOND, GRAY, WILLIAMS: Seek parents of Joseph King who m Elizabeth Bond, owned farm in what is now Carson in Pr Geo Co or Dinwiddie Co in c1750. Seek parents of Wiley King, son of Joseph m Polly Gray (her mother was _?_ Williams). **Mary Davis Welling, 1690 Rochelle Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952.**

CLARK/CLARKE: Seek anc of Jessie Winfred who m Georganna Spooner. Son, Joseph (Samuel) Clark b 1873 Lynchburg, d 1932 Washington DC. **Walter A. Neisz, 553 S Gladstone Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3134.**

WYCHE, CLANTON: Seek anc of Amy Wyche who m John Clanton c1739. John d c1781 Sussex Co, Will Book "C" p. 442. Amy d c1804 Sussex Co, Will Book "F" p. 370. Children: Elizabeth; Abby m Nathaniel Holt; Drury m Sarah Holt; Mary m John Gilliam; Amy; Patty; Lucy m Isaac Andrews; Martha m Roe or Rae; John m Sally Meglamre dau of Rev John Meglamre. **Col (Ret) Ralph P. Leinhaas, 236 Claremont St, Petersburg, VA 23805.**

BUTLER, GOODE: Seek info on Jesse Butler and Margaret Goode who m 1792 Chesterfield Co. Two Butler women married there about the same time. Rebecca Butler m Kemp Cary 1790 and Sally Butler m Edward Cary 1792, but there are no Butlers found in Chesterfield, Powhatan, or Henrico in 1787 tax list. Where did these Butlers come from? **Ellen S. Dorsey, 222 Parker Rd, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.**

PHILLIPS, SUTER: Seek info on Henry Phillips and Margaret Suter of Northampton Co, NC. Were they m in VA? Children: William, Mary and John. Did he come from VA with the Suters? Was his father Nathaniel Phillips of VA? **Mrs. Cleora Beard Gill, 200 S 4th Street, Apt 4, Lake Wales, FL 33853.**

Exchange: **SMELSER/SMELTZER**. Seek parents of Albert Smelser b 1824, m Polly Reynolds (b 1832, dau of John Reynolds) in Roanoke Co 1848. Is Albert or his parents from Bedford Co? **Cindy Thomas, 6513 Havenview Ct, Ft Worth, TX 76132.**

THOMPSON, HEDGES, PAYNE, WHITEHEAD: Seek parents of Joseph Thompson who m Elizabeth Hedges 1790 Franklin Co, moved to Montgomery Co, KY 1797. Elizabeth dau of Joseph Hedges and Catherine Sullivan. Also seek info on William Payne who m Miss Whitehead. Their son, William W. Payne b 1807 Buckingham Co. The Paynes also moved to Montgomery Co, KY. **Thomas L. Thompson, 16199 Tiverton Ct, Northville, MI 48167.**

BOOTH: Nathaniel Booth m Elizabeth _?_ c1768-70 possibly Amelia, Halifax or Lunenburg Co. He d 1812 Elbert Co, GA. 13 children. Seek record of his

marriage and Elizabeth's last name, possibly Staples. **Mrs. Guthrie T. Pratt, 6714 Townsend Dr, Erie, PA 16505.**

BARDEN: Seek info on John Barden who bought land Lower Norfolk 1701; appraised prop of Richard Worrell Isle of Wight 1715; deed 200A Chowan, NC from William Worrell 1718; wit with father William 1719; land in Bertie 1724, 1725; d 1739 Bertie leaving widow Elizh, sons Jacob 20, John 14. **John E. Cottle, 1915 Saturn Ct, Bartlesville, OK 74006.**

HUBBARD, MANIER: Seek info on Daniel Hubbard (1782-1855) m 1801 to Betsey Manier in Garrard Co, KY. Listed 1850 Census of Clay Co, MO where they both died. Daniel in Patrick Co prior to Garrard Co. Children: John H. Hubbard; a son who went to IN before 1836; Permelia (1808-1861) m Aluah Maret 1826 Clay Co, MO. Others? **Mrs. Price Doyle, 124 N 15th, Murray, KY 42071.**

PARKER: Seek info on Wiley Parker who lived Nansemond Co c1775-1825. He m Elizabeth and had a son Harrison. He was militia officer War of 1812 (1st/59th). Seek names and dates of parents, other children, burial site. **Thomas L. Parker, 7409 S I-35, Apt 131, Okla. City, OK 73149.**

Exchange: **WALDROP**: Seek info on John Waldrop 1754-1765 Amelia Co; 1767-c1775 Pittsylvania Co. **Howard Waldrop, 3289 Bolgos Cir, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.**

Seek info on **BILBREY/BILBROUGH/BILBERRY/BILBROW** of Southside VA. Isham Belberry in Greensville Co 1790. Benjamin Bilberry of Mecklenbury Co 1780. John Bilbrey Surry Co 1779. Any connection to Isham and Thomas Bilbrey of Chatham Co, NC 1780-1800? **Bonnie Dietz Baker, 1060 Broadview Blvd S, Dayton, OH 45419-3618.**

Exchange: **MACLIN, PRITCHETT**: Seek parents/siblings of Joseph Maclin b 1761 prob Brunswick Co, d there 1835. Had 11 child. by 3 wives: Ann M. Moon, Nancy Walker and Elizabeth Pritchett. Two of Elizabeth's daus, Tabitha and Charlotte, m John Ward Paup. Seek parents/siblings of Elizabeth Pritchett. **Ellis O. Moore, 984 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803.**

SMITH, WELCH: Seek info on Wilburn Smith and Lucy Welch. They had a son, Fred Fulton Smith, b 1873 Lynchburg. **Diane C. Smith, 5 Acorn St, Malden, MA 02148.**

CORLEY: Will of Valentine Corley (sometimes Colley etc) in Cumberland Will Book 3, p 216, dated 1801. Is there any documented connection to Corleys or Whatleys of Orange Co before the Revolution? **L. Earl Colley, 321 Wells Ave E, North Syracuse, NY 13212.**

Exchange: **ROGERS, BRADSHAW, CHASTAIN**. David Rogers b 1756 Goochland Co, son of William Rogers and Judith Bradshaw. A David Roggers m 1782 Hanna Kasten (probably Hannah Chastain) Montgomery Co. David Rogers d 1808 Buncombe Co, NC. (Hannah Rogers on 1810 Census). Could this be the same David? **Leland Rodgers, Rt 2 Box 293, Pottsboro, TX 75076.**

WILLIAMS, REDD: Seek parents of Robert R. Williams who m Mary Drucilla Redd, dau of Elbert F. Redd, in Pr Ed Co 1853. **Janet K. Wentley, 311 E Charlotte St, Millersville, PA 17551.**

WALL: Researching John Wall and wife Sarah of Pr Geo Co. He was deceased by 1718. Seek names of children. **Sandra Ellerbe Krutilek, 629 Erskine Dr, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-4250.**

ALLEN, RAY/WRAY, RIEVES/REEVES/REAVES, ALLEY, WITHERS, WAGGONER: George Allen b c1721 VA, d 1805 Warren Co, NC. Lived Hanover Co 1743 when son George Allen was born. In Lunenburg Co 1751, entered Bate/Warren Co, NC from Fauquier Co 1767. Related to Reynold Allen (c1724 - past 1805 Iredell Co, NC). Called "Cousin" of Charles Allen b c1730 Hanover Co, d 1808 Warren Co, NC. Exchange info with Allen researchers. **Sara C. Allen, Rt 2 Box 327, Hiddenite, NC 28636.**

BURNETT, USSERY, IRBY: Seek parents of Osborn L. Burnett, b VA 1803; m Sarah A. E. Ussery 1834; Thomas H. Vaughan Surety. He was in Cannon Co, TN 1840. D in Hardeman Co, TN 1852. **Helen Sain Hazelton, 524 Ridgeway, Bolivar, TN 38008.**

LAURENCE/LAWRENCE: John Lawrence "far advanced in age" left 1796 Nansemond (found in Southampton) Co will. Upper Parish Vestry Book lists two processioners of that name: John, son of George, in 1747; and John, son of Michael in 1755. Was the 1796 John Laurence one of these? Seek more on Nansemond Co Laurence/Lawrences. **Felix Earle Luck, 8 St John's Ave, PO Box 506, Mt. Tabor, NJ 07878.**

GEORGE, MUSTEEN: William George d 1770 Charlotte Co. Children: Lucy bound out to Robert Caldwell; David bound to William Astin; William Francis, and Richard Dudley George, who remained with mother, Jane. Jane m/2 William Musteen. William had brother David who moved to Ninety-Six Dist, SC. Seek all info. **Barbara M. George, 2517 Longview Dr, L.P. Rt, Estes Park, CO 80517.**

WALDEN, HUNT: Seek info on Lewis Walden b c1788/9 (tombstone/error: 27 Aug 1789, bur Washington Cty, VA), m in Pittsylvania Cty 1804 to Milly (Mildred; Amelia) Hunt, dau of William Hunt; moved to Washington Co after marriage. Seek parents of Lewis and Amelia/Milly. Surety at m was John Hunt. **Jack Hockett, 270 Iven Ave 2-C, St David's, PA 19087.**

Exchange: **MULLINS/MULLENS**: Seek father of John Mullens b c1838-43 in Wise/Russell Co, m 1865 Wyo Co, WV to Mary E. Hunt b 1844 Pike Co, KY. Children: Richard, Lewis Franklin, George Washington, Eliza Jane, William V, Sarah Ann, Andrew Jackson. M/L shows parents Solomen and Elizabeth Mullens. **Jerrie Moore, 3354 Timber Ridge, San Angelo, TX 76904.**

BAYS: Seek info on family of George W. Bays b 1810 Halifax Co, VA. He had two daus, Matilda Angeline, b 1884, m Lafayett Eaton, and Abi Jane, b 1850, m Lazares Eaton. They lived in Cherokee & Anderson Cos, TX. Will exchange info. **LaVera Jones, 218 W 33rd St, Shawnee, OK 74801.**

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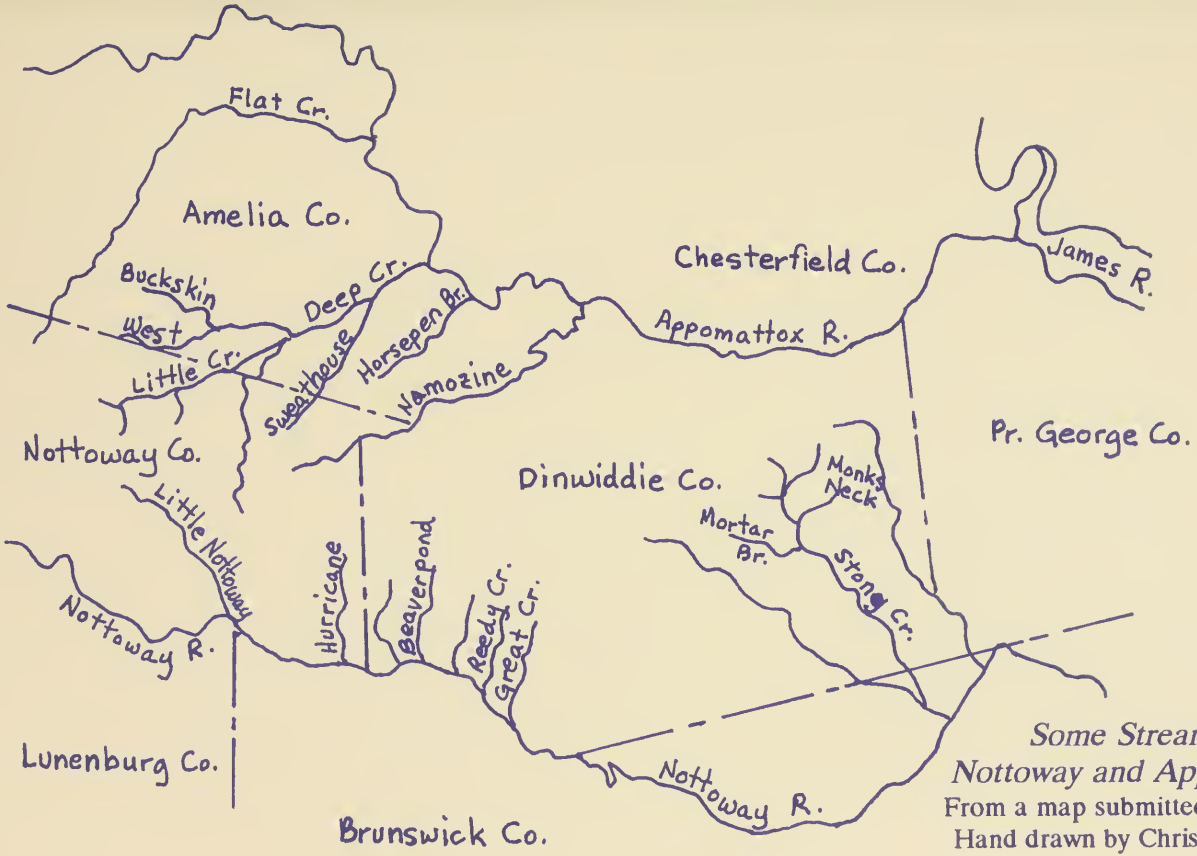

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EDITORIAL

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We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patronage. It is very enjoyable receiving your notes of genealogical success accomplished by utilizing material we have published. We will continue to try to publish articles which contain information not easily accessible to the average family researcher. You will note that in the past few issues, as well as this one, we have published information received from out-of-state sources, which contain references to Southsiders who have relocated or had dealings in other states. This information is made available to everyone as a result of subscribers like yourself who submit it to us for publication. We strongly encourage you to submit this type of information, so that others may take advantage of the finding.

We hope that you have enjoyed *The Southside Virginian* for 1992 and will continue to subscribe in future years. We have enjoyed producing it for you. We have gotten to know many of you through your submissions, and we take great pride in being able to provide a medium through which information about Southside Virginia can be preserved and shared by people all over the US and beyond.

Chris Hooper, Publications Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jo White Linn, C.G., C.G.L., *Surry County, North Carolina, Wills 1771-1827.* xi; 215 pp; map; cloth (6 x 9); full-name index; $25.00 plus $3.00 shipping; 1992. Add this book to the long list of excellent publications produced by Mrs. Linn. This work is not comprised of the usual short listings provided by the majority of records abstractors. Parenthetical notations abound as Mrs. Linn supplies the researcher with numerous supplemental sources. The abstracts of these wills were originally published in soft cover by Mrs. Linn in 1974 (now out of print). She states, "For this edition the wills were re-read with some corrections and additions, and parenthetical material was added." Surry County, NC was formed from Rowan County in 1771, and is bounded on the north by the Virginia line. Surry County, NC covers the present day counties of Surry, Yadkin, Stokes, and Forsythe. In addition, from 1771 to 1778, the records covered by this volume include the present day counties of Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes. This book is a useful aid to any Southside researcher who knows or suspects that their family trail lead through Surry County, NC during this time period. We voice sincere words of thanks to Mrs. Linn for her comprehensive work in compiling another fine genealogical resource. **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.**

Weynette Parks Haun, *Surry County, Virginia, Court Records, 1700-1711, Book VI.* 156 pp; indexes; paper (8½ x 11); $25.00 postpaid, NC residents add 6% sales tax. 1992. This book continues the excellent series of Surry County court records by Ms. Haun. These transcriptions of the early court records are welcomed by anyone who has attempted to read the actual handwritten entries of this time period. This volume includes three separate indexes of the court records. First is a transcription of the court clerk's original record index. The usual full-name index is also included. A miscellaneous index completes the trio. This index includes not only place names, but gives occupations, powers of attorney, presentments, Indians, Vestrys, etc. The Southside researcher can be most grateful that Ms. Haun is continuing her work with these most valuable records. Order from the compiler at **243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423.**

Ann S. Lainhart, *State Census Records.* 116 pp; cloth (6 x 9); $17.95 plus $3.00 shipping. This book represents the first comprehensive listing of the state census records ever published. State censuses, unlike the US census, were taken at random times and for varying reasons. They are equally as valuable as the federal censuses, and in some instances fill in gaps where the federal census no longer exists. Ms. Lainhart has enlisted genealogists and state specialists, as well as state archivists and librarians in compiling a complete guide to these invaluable records. This volume lists census availability by state and year and frequently gives listings by county and district. She not only indicates what records are available, but where they may be found and what data you might expect. Ms. Lainhart has been a professional genealogist for twelve years, and is a former reference librarian. She teaches genealogy and is a popular speaker at seminars and conferences. This book should grace the

shelves of any serious genealogical researcher. **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.**

Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *The Genealogist's Address Book.* ix; 539 pp; index; paper (8½ x 11). 1992. $29.95 plus $3.00 shipping. This is a complete update of the 1991 edition of the *Address Book* which contained only 391 pp and did not have a general index. This book contains listings, addresses, and contacts of national, state, ethnic and special resources, libraries, archives, societies, and independent publications. Ms. Bentley solicited amended data from all of the references cited in the 1991 edition. This new edition updates addresses and accompanying details and lists new organizations and ones overlooked in the previous edition. It contains a Yellow Pages advertising section in the back and has a more precise index to available periodicals. Ms. Bentley states in her introduction a concern which is becoming more prevalent in today's tight budgetary climate. Apparently a number of agencies requested that their addresses be withheld, as they could not cope with the increased demands on their time by the genealogists who requested responses through the mail. The lesson we must learn from this is to make all of our requests as concise and complete as we possibly can, ask only for specific information and offer to pay a reasonable rate for copies, postage and research time. It is our hope that this negative trend does not continue. As for the *Address Book*, it is a most complete resource and is another volume that should be utilized by every serious researcher. **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.**

REPRINTS

Earle S. Dennis and Jane E. Smith, *Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia — 1755-1800* reprinted with *Bedford County, Virginia: Index of Wills, From 1754 to 1830*, by Rowland D. Buford. 99 pp; indexed; paper (5½ x 8½). (1932, 1917) repr. 1989. $7.00 plus $3.00 shipping. These marriage bonds furnish the names of about 3,000 prospective brides and grooms, and there are references to some 1,500 parents and sureties. This edition is in an improved format and the index of brides is in strict alphabetical order. Augmenting this work is the index of Wills, an alphabetical list of several hundred testators with the probate dates. **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.**

CORRECTION

In the last issue of *The Southside Virginian*, we gave a listing for publications by **Bryn Ffiyiaid Publications** (June Banks Evans) which were of particular interest to those doing research in Southside Virginia. We unfortunately made an error in stating that the 1860 Charlotte County Census was available. This should have stated "Charlotte County Census of 1850." We are sorry for any inconvenience this error may have created. We have also been notified by Mrs. Evans that her current address for ordering is **300 Lake Marina Dr., 16 BW, New Orleans, LA 70124-1679.** Please make these corrections to your copy of Vol. X No. 3, p. 104.

Village View — Emporia, Virginia

Contributed by Ray Sasser

Editor's Note: *Village View is a Virginia Historic Landmark and has been entered in the National Register of Historic Homes. It is open to the public through tours by appointment. The Village View Foundation is incorporated and has non-profit status. To make a contribution or for further information, contact the Village View Foundation, Box 413 E., Southampton St., Emporia, VA 23847.*

Village View today is a restored Federal-style "Mansion House" set on four acres of lawn in Emporia, Virginia. Though the plantation dates to the 1720s, the "Mansion House" is believed to have been built in the 1790s. An earlier eighteenth century residence with a 46' x 17' English-style basement stood at the same site and was destroyed by fire prior to the construction of the "Mansion House." The following is a review of the various owners of Village View, along with information of genealogical interest. The name "Village View" does not appear in the records until the nineteenth century, but for convenience it will be used for the plantation regardless of time period.

The first known patent to Village View land was for 190 acres to Maj. Robert Mumford of Prince George County. [1] The patent apparently lapsed for on October 31, 1726, John Lynch acquired a patent for 200 acres of "new land" that overlapped the Mumford patent. [2] The four acres that remain today as Village View were situated just west of the center of the Lynch patent. By 1733 Lynch had moved to Bertie Precinct, North Carolina. [3] He wrote his will on April 31, 1753, naming his wife Elizabeth and two daughters Elizabeth and Nelly. The will was probated in Granville County, North Carolina, on March 7, 1758 (original, North Carolina Archives).

On June 27, 1735, John Lynch leased the 200 acre Village View tract to Rev. John Betty, an Oxford-educated Irishman and the first minister for St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick County, Virginia. [4] This lease was written under the terms of a "Statute made in the Seven & twentieth Year of the Raign of King Henry the Eight for transfering uses into Possession," and the plantation soon belonged to Betty. The burned eighteenth-century house recently excavated at Village View may have been Betty's home. Rev. Betty does not appear to have married, but his brother William also settled in Brunswick County. Williams's descendants can be traced there at least into the nineteenth century. Rev. Betty was paid the usual £20 bounty given to

ministers appointed to a definite cure by the Bishop of London; this payment was recorded on February 27, 1732/33. [5] He was hired by St. Andrews Parish four months later on July 4, 1733.

Rev. Betty wrote his will on January 12, 1750/51 ordering that the plantation on which he lived be sold, [6] and on December 30, 1751, his executor Nathaniel Edwards sold the 200 acre plantation to Michael Wall, Jr., who owned the 290 acre tract southwest of Village View. [7] Michael Wall, Jr., married Rebecca Chapman, widow of John Chapman "of Rockford in St. Andrews Parish," who wrote his will December 21, 1740 [8] naming wife Rebecca, daughter Mary Chapman, sister Mary Donaldson, and sons William and Benjamin. By 1755 Rebecca had married Michael Wall. [9] By 1757, Michael Wall, Jr. was deceased as an inventory of his estate was ordered on November 22, 1757. [10] Rebecca Wall was appointed guardian of the children on February 28, 1758. [11] Rebecca Wall wrote her will May 3, 1777, naming sons Benjamin Wall, Michael Wall, and William Wall and daughter Elizabeth Sims. She named William Sims and Michael Wall executors. The will was witnessed by Benjamin Chapman, Lewis Jackson, John Hunt, Senior, and John Sims and was recorded July 28, 1777. [12]

Michael Wall, Jr.
m. Rebecca Chapman, widow of John Chapman
ch.:

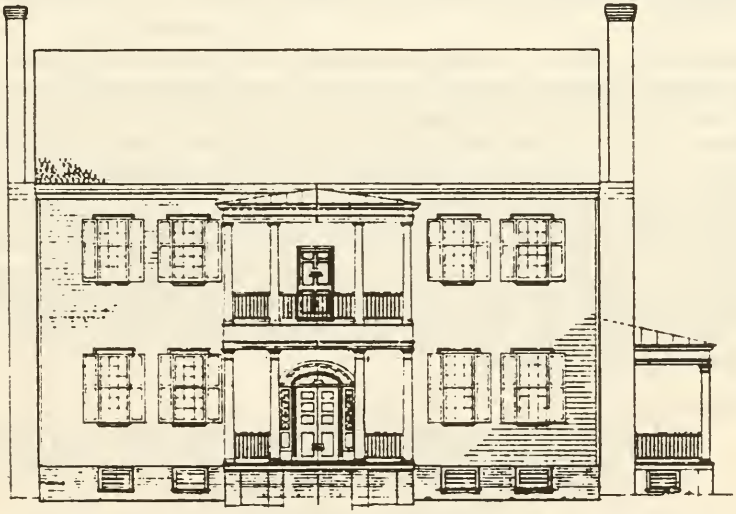
1. Rebecca Wall
2. Michael Wall
3. William Wall
4. Eli Wall
5. Benjamin Wall
6. ?Elizabeth Wall, m. ____ Sims? (not named as a child of John Chapman in 1740 or as an orphan of Michael Wall in 1758)

Michael and Rebecca Wall sold the now 290 acre Village View to Littleton Tazewell, Clerk of Brunswick Court, on December 13, 1755. [13] When Littleton Tazewell died on April 26, 1757, the plantation passed to his oldest son Henry, who would later serve in the U.S. Senate from 1794 to 1798. Henry Tazewell's son Littleton served as Governor of Virginia from 1834 to 1836. The Tazewells did not live at Village View, but rather at their plantation in the northern part of the county.

At some point between 1757 and 1776, Henry Tazewell sold the 490 acre plantation to Meherrin Parish, which formed from St. Andrews Parish in 1754. He did not convey the property, however, before he and the parish vestry sold it to James Wall, Jr. on April 15, 1776. [14] James Wall, Jr., was the son of Capt. Michael Wall, who patented the 760 acres east and south of the original Village View tract in 1728. [15] Capt. Michael Wall wrote his will July 8, 1749, naming his son James Wall, his daughter Lucy Wall, and his

executors "my friend Robert Jones Jun. my Kinsman Walter Campbell and Nicholas Edmunds." [16] Evidence from other sources suggests that Capt. Michael Wall had a sister named Agnes and a brother known as James Wall the Elder who died in 1788. [17] By his will, Capt. Michael Wall devised the 760 acres adjacent to Village View to his son James Wall, Jr., who then patented 4,500 acres, including a repatent of those 760 acres, south and east of the Village View plantation. [18] When James Wall, Jr., purchased the 490 acre Village View from Tazewell and Meherrin Parish, Village View reached its largest size of 4,990 acres.

James Wall, Jr., wrote his will November 15, 1777, giving to his aunt Agness Wall the use of one room in his "old House," and to his wife Mary the use of the tract of land "whereon I now live, bounded on the North by the Glebe Land." Most of this land south of Village View was to go eventually to his son Michael; the Village View — or "Glebe" — tract was left to his yet-to-be-born son James M. Wall. Also named in the will was daughter Mary and cousin Peter Gray Wall, son of James the Elder and Sarah Wall. Mary Wall was appointed guardian of the children; if she should die, guardianship was to go to the Rev. W. Fanning and a cousin also named James Wall. Guardianship of the "unborn" James M. Wall, however, eventually fell to Douglass Wilkins. James Wall, Jr., named as his executors "my beloved Wife Mary Wall, and my Friends James Wall the Elder, Seymour Powell and my Brother in law James Mason." [19]



c. 1790s

James Wall, Jr.
m. Mary Mason
ch.:

1. Michael Wall (will written 6 April 1808, pr. July 1808)
   m. Elizabeth Mason (recorded 5 May 1798)
2. Mary Wall m. (1) Richard Allen (marr. bd. 27 December 1792, sur. Achilles Jeffries m. (2) Nelson Jones
3. James M. Wall (b. ca. 1777, will written 4 Febuary 1805, pr. April 1805)

Mary Mason Wall (will written 25 February 1810, pr. April 1810 [20])
m. (2) Achilles Jeffries of Mecklenburg Co., Virginia (marr. bd. 5 March 1783, Greensville, sur. Timothy Rives) (Achilles Jeffries' will written 15 May 1794, pr. July 1794 [21])
ch.:

1. John Mason Jeffries
2. William Swepson Jeffries
3. Rebecca Mason Jeffries (m. James A. Wall)
4. Sarah Jeffries
5. Ann Swepson Jeffries

On July 27, 1797, Douglass Wilkins, "guardian of James M. Wall, orphan of James Wall, Jr.," requested an appraisal of "the house he has built for James M. Wall." [22] This is believed to be the "Mansion House" now restored as a museum. [Note that Greensville County formed from Brunswick County in 1781.]

James M. Wall died unmarried. He wrote his will February 4, 1805, leaving the original Village View tract to his brother Michael and $100 annually to his sister Mary Allen. He also left £100 each to the five "Children of my Mother Mary by Achilles Jeffries." He named as executor his brother Michael; witnesses were Alex Madill, John Wall, and John Prichard. [23]

Michael Wall wrote his will April 6, 1808, loaning the plantation to his wife Elizabeth until his four children came of age, at which time Elizabeth would retain 1/3 and the children would divide the remaining 2/3. He appointed William S. Jeffries guardian to the children and Nathaniel Rives and William S. Jeffries executors. The will was witnessed by Edward Lewis, John M. Jeffries, and Sarah Jeffries. [24]

Michael Wall
m. Elizabeth Mason, dau. of Thomas Mason; marriage performed by Rev. Stith Parham, sur. Benj. Wyche, wit. William Tomlinson, Jr. (m. rec. 5 May 1798)
ch.:

1. Mary Wall (m. [Judge] George Wyche, 1816; moved to Hinds Co., Mississippi, ca. 1830)

2. Michael Wall (m. Nancy __; moved to Lawrence Co., Alabama)
3. James M. Wall (m. Sally Ann __; moved to Alabama)
4. John Thomas Wall (unmarried; w. wr. 24 October 1828, pr. 3 November 1828 [25])

Elizabeth Mason Wall (died 13 November 1843, Hinds Co., Mississippi)
m (2) William Parham of Sussex Co., Virginia, marriage performed by Rev. James McKendree, sur. Augustine Claiborne, wit. William R. Mason (m. 10 May 1810)

ch.:

1. William Parham
2. John Parham

Between 1822 and 1832, Elizabeth Parham and the children of Michael Wall sold most of their separate interests in Village View to Nathaniel Land of Sussex County, whose descendants through his daughter Virginia Land Briggs owned that portion of the original Village View tract containing the "Mansion House" until it was given to the community in 1989 by Sidney Briggs.

Nathaniel Land (died 10 August 1837, Greensville)
m. Maria Pendleton Woodlief, 18 March 1830, Greensville (Maria died 23 March 1847, Greensville)

ch.:

1. Helen Clayton Land (5 February 1831 - 24 September 1869)
   m. (1) William Ruffin Land, 4 November 1848 (William Land died 14 September 1852)
   m. (2) George Gray, 20 December 1854 (George Gray: 26 November 1811 - 30 April 1879) (George and Helen Gray moved to Windsor, North Carolina)
2. Roche Swift Land (died 30 March 1847, unmarried)
3. Maria Jocasta Land (9 April 1834 - 28 May 1891)
   m. [Dr.] George Cary Starke, 29 January, 1857 (Dr. Starke: 10 July 1830 - 20 November 1898) (Dr. and Maria Starke moved to Montgomery, Alabama)
4. Virginia Nathaniel Land (9 May 1836 - 11 September 1868) m. [Capt.] William Henry Briggs, Jr. of Sussex Co. married 7 March 1855 (Capt. Briggs: 16 October 1833 - 4 November 1897)

References:

1. Virginia *Patent Book 10*, p.351, January 22, 1717
2. Virginia *Patent Book 13* pp.62-63
3. Brunswick County *Deed Book 1*, p.176
4. *Ibid*, pp.209-210
5. *Money Book 36*, p.480; Fothergill, *A List of Emigrant Ministers to America, 1690-1811*, p.14
6. Brunswick County *Will Book 3*, p.18, recorded March 26, 1751
7. Brunswick County *Deed Book 5*, pp.158-160
8. Brunswick County *Will Book 2*, pp.55-57, recorded June 2, 1743
9. Brunswick County *Deed Book 6*, p.10
10. Brunswick County *Order Book 7*, p.133
11. *Ibid*, p.153
12. Brunswick County *Will Book 4*, p.513
13. Brunswick County *Deed Book 6*, p.29
14. Brunswick County *Deed Book 12*, pp.34-38
15. Virginia *Patent Book 13*, pp.443-444
16. Brunswick County *Will Book 2*, pp.156-157, recorded December 26, 1749
17. Greensville County *Will Book 1*, pp.119-120
18. Virginia *Patent Book 33*, pp.344-346, August 16, 1756
19. Brunswick County *Will Book 4*, pp.518-520, probated November 24, 1777
20. Greensville County *Will Book 2*, p.162
21. Greensville County *Will Book 1*, p.256
22. Greensville County *Order Book 2*, p.503
23. Greensville County *Will Book 1*, p.540, probated April, 1805
24. Greensville County *Will Book 2*, p.82-83, recorded July 1808
25. Greensville County *Will Book 4*, p.157

Will of Richard Parker

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: *This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.*

In the name of God, amen. I Richard Parker of the upper Parrish of Nansemond County being sick & weak but of a Well Disposing Mind and Memory do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following / that is to say / first and principally I bequeath my soul to my Creator and for preventing any Disputes that may arise concerning what Temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I do Dispose thereof as follows. Item I Give to my uncle Peter Parker and his heirs and Assigns forever all my land in Hertford County in North Carolina in Trust and for the following use that is to say for him to Sell the said Land and the Money Arising therefrom to be Applied to the Discharging my Just Debts. Item All the Remainder [*strikethrough*] of my land I Give to my son David Parker and to his heirs and Assigns forever. I also give to my said son my Negro Woman Named Hagar [*?*] provided he shall pay to my Daughter Edi Parker the sum of Twenty pounds Currant Money or shall Deliver to my said Daughter the first Child the said Negro shall bear that shall be living when my said son Arrives to the age of Twenty one years. Item All the Rest and Residue of my Estate after my Just Debts is Discharged I Give to be Equally Divided between my loving Wife and my said son and Daughter I say Share & Share alike to Each of them, Lastly I nominate & appoint my Friends Demsey Sumner and Abraham Parker as Executors to this My last Will. For Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my Seal this 28th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1760. ————

Signed Sealed and by the Testator Published
to be his last Will & Testament in Presence of

Demsey Sumner
John Bird
Abraham Parker
Jessee Bird

Rich. Parker {Seal}

At A Court held for Nansemond County Feby 18th 1764 The last Will and Testament of Richard Parker Dec was proved by the Oath of Abraham Parker one of the Witnesses thereto and who being also appointed one of the Exor. of the said Will refuses to take upon him the Burthin and Executors thereof he Also made Oath that he saw Jno. Bird and Jessee Bird two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto put their hands to the same and that they have since Removed from hence to the Province of North Carolina. Demsey Sumner the other Executor made oath and Gave bond with John Coles Junr. and Abraham Parker his Security. According to Said Certificate for Obtaining letters Testamentary on said Will is Granted the said letter in Due form ——————

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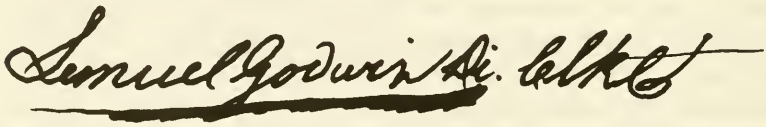

Samuel Godwin Di. Clk Ct.

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Will of John Wilburn

Transcribed by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis

Editor's Note: *This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.*

In the name of God Amen, I John Wilburne of The Parish of Way=noake, in Prince George County in Virga Plantor, being verry eak of body but of perfect Mind & Memory, Blessed bee The Almighty for the Same, doe make & Ordaine This My last will & Testament in the manner & fforme following (Vizd)

Imprs. I doe willingly & Freely comend my Soul to God That gave it mee, hopeing for Eternal Salvation, Throu- The merritts of my Blessed Saviour Christ Jesus, as for my body, I recomend it to ye Earth, its first Orrigins to bee Decently buryed at The Discression of my Exrs. hereafter named & for The Temporale Estate, god Hath Endowed mee with, I dispose of in manner & forme following;

My desire is That Major Cha Goodrich Should bee paid forty Shileings Currt. mony Out of my Estate, That I now Stand Justly Indebted to him.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my Dear & Lov" Son John Wilburn all & singular my Estate boath Reale & personale, after all Just Debts bee first paid hereby appointing & Ordaining my verry good Friend Mr. Richard Pigeon to bee my Sole & Only Exer. of This my last Will & Testament, hereby revoaking all former wills or Rightings Whatsover, Whereof I doe here=untoSett my hand & Seal This 4th of Octobr. 1712.

Signed Seald & Deliverd
in Presence of
Cha Goodrich
Fra. Mallory
Jno Poake

John + Wilburn X
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Att a Court held for Prince George County The 11th Decembr. 1712

The above Written last Will & Testament of Jno. Wilburn Decd. was proved in Open Court by The Oathes of Major Cha Goodrich Fran. Mallory & John Poake Wittnesses Thereto & a Probt. Thereof granted Mr. Richd. Pigeon, Exr., named Therein & Att his motion The same is admitted here to Record

Test E Goodrich *D ClCur*

From Prince George County *Deeds, Wills, Etc. 1710-1713, Book B*, pp.177-178.

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Extracts from Brunswick County Orphans Book No. 1 (1740-1781) and Guardian Accounts Nos. 2-3 (1828-1853)

Submitted by Barbara H. Browder

More Extracts from Brunswick County Orphans Book No. 1 (1740-1781)

Continued from Vol. IX No. 4, p. 164

p. 8 (1740) Thomas, Mary, Daniel and Benjamin Hicks, orphans of Daniel Hicks; George Hicks, guardian.

p. 24 (1751) Estate of William Irby, dec'd, orphan of John Irby, dec'd. (Gabriel Peterson was paid for making coffin)

p. 33 (1749) Edward, Frances and John Tatum, orphans of Edward Tatum dec'd.

p. 46 (1755) Joel Parish, orphan of James Parish; John Parish, guardian. Joseph Parish, orphan of James Parish; James Parham, guardian.

p. 123 (1760) Estate of John Blunt, orphan; Nicholas Edmunds, guardian.

p. 137 (1750) Frederick, William, Moses and Drury Collier, orphans of William Collier (Howell Collier, guardian-?)

p. 146 (1761) Elizabeth Mosely, orphan of George Mosley, married Adam Sims.

p. 394 (1772) James Davis, son of Henry Davis and wife Mary; Benjamin Ezell, guardian.

p. 395 (1773) Merritt Davis, orphan of Henry Davis, deceased; Thos. Marriott, guardian .

p. 409 (1773) James Davis, orphan of Henry Davis, deceased.

Excerpts from Brunswick County Guardian Accounts No. 2 (1828-1843)

p. 34 (1829) Auadna/Auadne/Ariadne E. Smith, orphan of Benjamin Smith, deceased; William Graves, guardian. Account settled with Daniel Butts "who intermarried with Miss A. E. Smith."

p. 41 (1829) Burwell B. Wilkes in account with Phil Claiborne his guardian. (On 3 Apr. 1823 and 12 Sep. 1823, $12.00 was paid to Thomas W. Vaughan, Dancing Master; cash also paid to William M. Dugger, shoe maker.)

p. 51 (1829) Miss Rebecca E. H. Vaughan in account with William Rice, her guardian. William Rice had died by 31 July 1829. Rebecca Vaughan married Jos. W. Clay. She was daughter of William Vaughan.

p. 59. Miss Lucy M. J. Vaughan in account with William Rice, deceased, her guardian. Mention of land allocated to Mary Jordan, formerly Vaughan, by decree of Brunswick Court [date unclear]; "to Mrs. Warwick 1/6 of whole estate in lieu of dower."

p. 66. Lucy M. J. Vaughan. Mention of guardianship of William Warwick in 1817 and of suit, Sarah W. Walker vs. Rice's executors.

p. 109. Martha I/J Rice married, by Dec. 1831, Joseph Morgan.

p. 398. Harriett T. Hill married, by July 1839, Jack/Zack F. Edmunds.

p. 408. John Edmunds and wife Elizabeth D., formerly Pearson, widow of Joshua Pearson. Elizabeth is guardian for her infant son John S/L Pearson.

p. 443. Benja., Mary I/J, and Lucy G. Pearson, orphans of George W. Pearson.

Excerpts from Brunswick County Guardian Accounts No. 3 (1843-1853)

p. 16. Patrick H. Dugger in account with Henry Dugger, his guardian. ($200 was advanced "when going to Yale College, Oct. 1839." Henry Dugger was paid his expenses to New Haven in Dec. 1839 "at his death.")

p. 18. David B., Daniel, Virginia A., John and Mason T. Dugger in account with Henry Dugger, their guardian.

p. 34. Thomas R. Trotter married by 1843; Mary S/L Mitchell.

p. 323 (1851) Ann Eliza Hill, orphan of Richard M. Hill, deceased; Thomas S/L/T Gholson, guardian. Mention of will of Mrs. Mary Gholson; Ann E. Hill was a legatee; Ann E. Hill, mother of Ann E. Hill is deceased; R. M. Hill, also was a legatee but died soon after reaching age 21; Ann E. Hill was only sibling.

[Note: Marriage Bond, Brunswick, 21 Nov 1825, Richard M. Hill and Ann E. Gholson; b. Diggs Poyner; con. William Gholson,. father]

p. 339 (1851) Margaret E. Rittenbury alias Love; Robert Joice, guardian.

p. 422 (1852) William H. Taylor, guardian of Sarah B. W. Taylor. (14 Dec. 1852, disbursement of $56.82 "for purchase of bridal dress, etc., in Petersburg.")

For Guardians Accounts, 1780-1808, see Deed Book 4; Guardians Accounts No. 1 (1809-1827) is wanting.

Brunswick County Orphans Book 1, Guardian Accounts 2-3, Reel 52, Virginia State Archives.

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Selections from Halifax County Deed Books 28 - 32 (1819 - 1824)

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Continued from Vol. X No. 3, pp. 117-120.

Editor's Note: These powers of attorney recorded in the Halifax County Deed Books were selected and abstracted by Mr. Kolbe to identify persons who migrated from Halifax County; to give their place of residence and their continued ties with the county of Halifax. They are presented with the deed book number first and then the page number in that book.

DB 28, p. 182 John Walsh of Halifax County to Baker Walsh of Sumner County, Tennessee power of attorney to receive of William DeGraffenridt of Cumberland County, Kentucky what is due me as well for my wife's part of her mother Sarah DeGraffenridt dower which said William DeGraffenridt retained since the death of Sarah DeGraffenridt which happened at the end of year 1807.

dated: 11 [ ] recorded: 11 November 1819

DB 28, p. 203 Nancy Nance of Washington County, Kentucky to John W. Nance of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to receive monies due me from the estate of John Winningam.

dated: 3 April 1819 recorded: 22 November 1819

DB 28, p. 253 Joseph Franklin to William F. Franklin power of attorney to receive money to which I am entitled in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

dated: 27 December 1819 recorded: 27 December 1819

DB 28, p. 284 Philip Voss of the county of Halifax appoints son Philip E. Voss, Jr. of Halifax power of attorney to sell land in Granville County, North Carolina.

Signed Philip Voss

dated: 25 January 1820 recorded: 25 January 1820

DB 28, p. 369 Jones County, Georgia. Sally Walden widow of Lewis Walden dec^{d}. and executor of the estate of Lewis Walden who was executor of Richard Walden dec^{d}. Being entitled to 116½ acres it being the ½ and 1/6 part of the other half to which I am entitled to a tract containing 200 acres lying in Halifax County adjoining lands of William Walden and John Dismukes by will of Richard Walden I am entitled to 7/12 of his estate. Being desirous to sell the land give to Elijah Walden of Pittsylvania County, power of attorney to sell the same.

dated: 5 March 1821 recorded 2 June 1821

DB 28, p. 418 Richard Carnal, guardian of John, Richard, Flemon, Elizabeth, and Polly Ward orphans of Thomas Ward dec[d] of Person County, North Carolina, to Morris J. Ward of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to receive money from the estate of Elizabeth Taylor dec[d] formerly of Surry County, Virginia.

dated: 24 April 1820 recorded: 26 April 1820

DB 28, p. 419 Benjamin Ward of Halifax to Morris J. Ward of said county power of attorney to receive from the legal representatives of Elizabeth [ ] dec[d] formerly of Surry County.

dated: 24 April 1820 recorded: 24 April 1820

DB 28, p. 440 Hancock County, Georgia. Catherine Cobb and William A. Cobb heirs and representatives of Thomas Cobb late of Columbia County, Georgia, by our authority as widow and son of Thomas Cobb dec[d] who died intestate, to Peyton Bibb of Abbeville District, South Carolina power of attorney concerning a tract of land belonging to the estate of Thomas Cobb dec[d] being 1/3 part each lying in Halifax County, Virginia containing 81 acres on the Stanton River and Prices Creek adjoining Benjamin Morton.

dated: 13 December 1819 recorded: 22 May 1820

DB 28, p. 476 John Westly, Lucy Westly, Rhoda Westly, Mary Westly, Sarah Westly of Halifax to Paul Westly of said county power of attorney to recover from Thomas Crawford administrator of the estate of Charles Powell dec[d] of Mercer County, Kentucky, our legacies.

dated: 14 August 1821 recorded: 22 August 1821

DB 28, p. 540 Francis DeGraffenreidt of Cumberland County, Kentucky in October 1819 died intestate. Money due from the estate to Sarah Walsh, wife of John Walsh and sister to Francis DeGraffenreidt. John Walsh of Halifax to Baker Walsh of Sumner County, Tennessee power of attorney to receive from John DeGraffenreidt that which is due.

dated: 28 August 1821 recorded 13 September 1821

DB 29, p. 84 John Light and Jemima Light formerly Jemima Brame and Polly Brame of Halifax County, Virginia, to Melchezedick Brame of Bedford County, Tennessee to dispose of our interests in a tract of land lying in Louisa County, Virginia where of William Brame died siezed and to execute in our names conveyances or leases to the land and adjust our accounts in the estate of William Brame and receive monies for us under the will of Mary Brame late of Caroline.

dated: 15 December 1820 recorded: 15 December 1820

DB 29, p. 115 Susannah Nichols of Allen County, Kentucky, daughter of Thomas Dobson dec[d] of Halifax County, Virginia, to Thomas Dobson of Allen County power of attorney to receive my portion of my father's estate.

dated: 2 November 1820 recorded: 22 January 1821

DB 29, p. 215 Reuben Smith of Maury County, Tennessee to William Hall of Pittsylvania County, Virginia power of attorney to receive from William Sydnor of

Halifax County, Virginia surviving executor to my father William Smith all that is due me.

dated: 10 June 1815 recorded: 26 March 1821

DB 29, p. 229 William Terrill administrator of Eve Desmukes dec^{d} of Person County, North Carolina, to William Walden of Halifax County power of attorney.

dated: 30 September 1820 recorded: 26 March 1820

DB 29, p. 229 William Terrell administrator of Eve Dismukes dec^{d} of Person County, North Carolina, to William Walden of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney.

dated: 30 September 1820 recorded: 21 March 1821

DB 29, p. 370 Clark County, Georgia. William Fambrough being entitled to 1/12 of 199 acres lying on the waters of Grassy Creek in Halifax County, by the will of Richard Walden. Desirous of selling land, to my friend Elijah Walden of Pittsylvania County power of attorney.

dated: 26 March 1821 recorded: 2 June 1821

DB 29, p. 371 Henry Boyce of Jasper County, Georgia, being entitled to 33 acres, it being two shares of one half the sixth to which I am entitled by power of attorney and in a tract containing 200 acres lying on waters of Grassy Creek in Halifax County, Virginia, adjoining the lands of William Walden, John Dismuks, by the will of Richard Walden dec^{d} to __ twelths of his estate both real and personals and being desirous to sell my part to my friend Elijah Walden power of attorney of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, to sell the same.

dated: 22 March 1821 recorded: 2 June 1821

DB 29, p. 495 Halifax County, Virginia. Martha Ragland, John Ragland, Elizabeth Ragland, John Ragland guardian for Ann M. and George Ragland, Henry Pointer guardian for Martha Mary and Elizabeth Pointers infants of Mary Pointers dec^{d} who was the sister of Thomas Ragland dec^{d}, James Singleton guardian for Robert Clementina, James, Martha children of Martha Singleton dec^{d} sister of Thomas Ragland dec^{d}, James Howeston guardian for Amanda W. Ragland dau of William Ragland dec^{d} who was the brother of Thomas Ragland dec^{d}, to John Watkins of Ft. Claiborne, Alabama to relinguish lands not completed by Thomas Ragland dec^{d}.

DB 29, p. 605 24 November 1821, received of Joseph Sizemore $45.00 in part of the 1/6 part of a tract of land belonging to William Sizemore one of the legattees of George Sizemore dec^{d} containing 170 acres on the north fork of Aaron's Creek in Halifax County, Virginia. This land was sold to Joseph Sizemore by Joel Wilson of Culwell County, Kentucky by virtue of a power of attorney.

Trigg County, Kentucky, William Sizemore to Joel Wilson of the county and state aforesaid, power of attorney to handle land in Halifax County, Virginia which I am entitled in consequence of my father's right.

dated: October ? recorded: 26 November 1821

DB 30, p. 81 Nathan S. Dallam and Sarah Dallam late Sarah Hicks of Christian County, Kentucky, to Leonard Bouldin of the county and state aforesaid, power

of attorney to sell our interest in land in Halifax County, Virginia, 168 acres on Miry Creek, which was conveyed to John Hicks late of city of Richmond by deed from Ambrose Graham and his wife Betty recorded in Halifax County, 18 April 1791. We authorize Bouldin to sell 2/3 part, one third being derived through Sarah Dallam late Sarah Hicks one of the heirs of John Hicks dec^{d} and the other 1/3 derived by deed from Robert Hicks (another heir of John Hicks dec^{d}) to N. L. Dallam.

dated: 22 November 1822 recorded: 28 January 1822

DB 30, p. 149 Morgan County, Georgia. Henry Ligon to William Puryear of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to pursue my business in Virginia and South Carolina.

dated: 24 February 1821 recorded: 25 February 1822

DB 30, p. 209 Nelson Bryan of Wilson County, Tennessee to Robert Hurt of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to receive money due me by bond and to settle any or all administrations accounts of mine.

dated: 23 March 1822 recorded: 25 March 1822

DB 30, p. 709 Michael Roberts of Halifax County, Virginia shortly to remove west, to John H. Wembish power of attorney of Halifax County to carry out the trust from Willis Cobbs.

dated: 18 October 1822 recorded: 18 October 1822

DB 31, p. 127 Indenture made between John Case and Polly of Knox County, Tennessee, and Collman Case of Halifax County, Virginia. John Case and Polly sell 30 acres assigned to John Case by commissioners to devise lands belonging to the estate of John Bruce Jr., to Coleman Case.

dated: 1 June 1822 recorded: 23 December 1822

DB 31, p. 137 Cornelius Beasley of Halifax County moved to the western country and cannot attend his affairs in this country. To William Abbot power of attorney and also party in a lawsuit between him and Granoll Craddock.

dated 23 December 1822 recorded: 23 December 1822

DB 31, p. 191 Abner Holt and James Brook of Calloway County, Missouri, to Hiram Holt of the county and state aforesaid, power of attorney to recover from the administrator of Timothy Holt dec^{d} of Halifax County, Virginia all money due from his estate.

dated 29 October 1822 recorded: 27 January 1823

DB 31, p. 479 Elizabeth Ulaood? of Halifax County to my brother William Daniel Nelson of Murray County, Tennessee, power of attorney to receive what is due me from the estate of my deceased father, John Nelson.

dated: 28 June 1823 recorded: 30 June 1823

DB 31, p. 695 Daniel Brown Jr. of Murray County, Tennessee, to Philip Howerton of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney to receive money and

properties due me as a guardian of my son Daniel Brown from the estate of Charles Cabanis dec[d] of Lunenburg County, Virginia.

dated: 24 November 1823 recorded: 24 November 1823

DB 32, p. 38 Thomas St. John of Halifax County, Virginia to Howerton and Elam Howerton of Essex County, Virginia, power of attorney to receive all that may be due me from my mother Mary St. John's estate and to receive from Thomas Gresham, attorney at law, any money collected by him in a suit favoring me against William Montague.

dated 11 December 1823 recorded: 22 December 1823

DB 32, p. 164 Halifax County, Virginia. Elizabeth Smart, William Clay and Judith his wife, Mary Smart, Thomas Clay and Susan his wife, Elizabeth Smart heirs of William Smart dec[d] who died in Tennessee in Hawkins or Claiborne County, to Capt. John Parker of county and state aforesaid, power of attorney to receive from the administrator of the estate of William Smart all the estate due us.

28 February 1824 recorded: 1 March 1824

DB 32, p. 176 Mary Palmer of Christian County, Kentucky, late Mary Faulkner, widow and relict of Drury Palmer dec[d] and entitled to part of the estate of my father Jacob Faulkner dec[d], late of Halifax County, Virginia, to son Drury Palmer of Christian County, Kentucky, to collect my part of my father's estate.

dated: 30 September 1823 recorded: 22 March 1824

DB 32, p. 285 Kezea Nuckoles of Halifax County, Virginia, to Creed T. Turner of Pittsylvania County, power of attorney to receive the legacy of James Nuckolls dec[d] of Hanover County, Virginia.

dated: 21 May 1824 recorded: 1 June 1824

DB 32, p. 341 Joseph Moorefield to Christopher C. Wade of Richmond County, North Carolina, to transact all my business in North Carolina.

dated: 9 August 1824 recorded: 9 Aug 1824

DB 32, p. 404 Thomas B. Scott of Green County, Alabama [*illegible*] of John B. Scott dec[d] to John W. Scott power of attorney to settle deceased estate.

dated: 28 August 1824 recorded: 27 September 1824

DB 32, p. 406 Good Akin and John Akin of Maury County, Tennessee, to Rebecca Aiken of Halifax County, Virginia power of attorney to sell to John Browder a tract of land where Edward Aiken dec[d] resided last.

dated: 12 August 1824 recorded: 27 September 1824

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Methodist or City Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by William Walker Hurt, Lynchburg, VA 1937

Date: 1806

Owners: Methodist Episcopal Church, City of Lynchburg, Virginia

Location: In the city of Lynchburg, Virginia on the west side of Fourth Street between Monroe and Wise Streets, and extending to Garland Street on the north.

Description: The City or Methodist Cemetery is a rectangular plat containing twenty-six acres. It is surrounded by a brick wall six feet high. Oak, locust, poplar and cedar trees abound and many shrubs and flowers line the drive and walks. The brick wall and walkways have been repaired recently; dead trees removed, retaining walls built; rubbish and undergrowth removed and the cemetery put in very good condition.

Historical Significance: This was the first large cemetery in Lynchburg. The original acreage was donated by Charles Lynch, founder of the city. Many of the most prominent citizens of early Lynchburg are buried there.

The following inscriptions appear on the older tombstones:

Mary Ball Tucker,
The wife of George Tucker and granddaughter
of Betty Lewis, the sister of Washington.
Died January 31st. 1823.
Aged 59 years

Eleanor Rosalie, their daughter, died December 7th. 1818 in her 14th. year.
"A rose and rose-bud, scarce half blown,
Late flourished near this ground;
Awhile they bright and lovely shown,
And shed their sweetness round.
The scythe cut down these flowers fair,
To earth too briefly given,
Though here they fade, their essence rare,
Exhaled, ascends to heaven."

In Memory of James Perry,
Who departed this life on the 3rd. day of July, 1859, in the 54th. year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of
Mrs. Christian Hoyles, who departed this life June 25th. 1825. Aged 65 years.

Robert Frank Hening, Son of R. P. and M. M. Hening, Departed this life July 21, 1843.

Kate Vernon, Daughter of James and Margaret Metcalf and consort of William C. Minnis.
Born June 12, 1836,
Died October 18, 1858.

In Memory of Mrs. Angelica Valentine, Late of Charles City County, Virginia, who departed this life December 10th, 1851, in the 78th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of John Kyle, a native of the County Tyrone, Ireland, who departed this life on 19th. June, 1848, in the 50th. year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of William Morgan. Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, May 30th, 1769. Died in Nashville, Tennessee, September 3rd. 1812.

Sacred to the memory of Charles Hoyles, who departed this life September 15th. 1825.

Erected to the memory of Curtis R. son of Joshua R. and Martha A. Holmes. Died June 1st, 1827. Aged 2 years 5 months and 15 days.

Howard Hening, First son of R. P. and M. M. Hening. Born in Fredericksburg, Va. December 25, 1839. Died in Lynchburg, 16th. July, 1847.

Here reposes the remains of Mrs. Lucy Newhall, Consort of James Newhall and Daughter of Captain Levi Kemp of Weatherfield, Vermont. Died January 15, 1930, Aged 46.

Under this reposes the remains of Elizabeth Morgan, Consort of William Morgan. She died, Alas on the 2nd day of September, 1822, in the 43rd. year of her age.

Underneath rests the remains of Gavin, the eldest son of William and Elizabeth Morgan, who was born 14th. June, 1799. Alas he died 8th. November, 1811.

Erected by his sister, M. A. Price, in memory of John Mallory. Born November 7, 1783. Died November 2, 1855.

In memory of Colonel William M. Talbot. Departed this life February 19th. 1855, after a long and protracted illness, in the 39th. year of his age.

In memory of Lucy A. Sumpter, Daughter of Henry and Dophia Sumpter, who departed this life on the 30th. July, 1845, in the 54th. year of her age.

"Mourn for the mourner and not for the dead, for he is at rest and we in tears." Samuel A. Harrison. Departed this life February 28, 1846. Aged 77 years.

"The friend of the widow, the orphan and the poor." Her children have placed this stone over the remains of Sarah H. Harrison, consort of Samuel Harrison of Lynchburg. Died 20th. October, 1830. Aged 58.

To the memory of Mrs. Ann Essex, who was born in Fredericksburg, Va., in August A. D. 1767, and departed this life on the 24th. December, A. D. 1835. Aged 68 years and 4 months.

Here lies the remains of John Schoolfield, who was born in Pennsylvania February 1st. 1766. Died in Lynchburg 8th. December, 1831. Estates 65 years.

In memory of John Brown, merchant, who died on the morning of the 11th. day of April, 1801. Aged 25 years. He was a son of James Brown of Kirkenbright, Scotland.

Sacred to the memory of Fletcher McKendree Burch, who departed this life on the 13th. January, 1826.

Sacred to the memory of Horace Dade eldest son of J. T. and S. T. Mason, who departed this life on the morning of the llth. of January, 1821, in the 7th. year of his age.

To the memory of Thomas Colquhoun, who died in this place on the 14th. of February, 1832, aged 58 years. He was a native of Scotland, but for many years past a much esteemed inhabitant of Petersburg, Virginia.

In memory of Frances Ann, wife of Thomas Colquhoun. Born in Petersburg June 25th. 1783. Died December 2, 1858.

In memory of Hugh Montgomerie, who died August 3rd. 1857, in the 58th. year of his age.

In memory of Ann Jane, wife of Hugh Montgomerie. Born May 3, 1805. Died October 6th. 1855.

Sacred to the Memory of Mary Labby, a native of New Kent County, Va., who departed this life Feb. 10, 1836. Aged 80 years. "Let me go, for the day breaketh."

(*On same monument*)
Sacred to the memory of Pleasant Labby, Born Sept. 20th. 1792, Died April 17th. 1869. Aged 76 years, 6 mos. & 3 days.

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Read, wife of P. Labby, Esqr., who departed this life August 28, 1855, in the 56th year of her age. "Here lies the last remains of one
Beneath this tomb at rest,
Whose better part is gone from hence
To dewll amongst the blessed.
In doing good she did rejoice,
Her heart was free from pride.

She made her maker's law her choice
And in His faith she died."

Sacred to the memory of Maj. L. Neville, a native of Nelson Co. Va., who departed this life January 29th, 1819. Aged 38 years.

In memory of William E. Bailey, son of James and Nancy Bailey, died Oct. 28th, 1836. Aged 30 yrs. 1 mo. 1 day.

In memory of Richard B. Bailey, Son of James and Nancy Bailey. Died Sept. 9th. 1849, Aged 30 years, 2 mos. 5 days.

In memory of Adeline, daughter of James G. & Mary E. Swinney. Born May 15, 1810. Died February 29th. 1818. (*Field Note: This date is very legible; but there can be no February 29th. in the year 1818.*)

To the memory of Briget McGrath, wife of William Kennedy, who was killed on the 1st day of Sept. 1850. Aged 48 years.
Also her son William Kennedy, died Feb. 7, 1859

In memory of Mary A. consort of James Dinwiddie. Born July 29, 1821. Died October 22, 1847.

Sacred to the memory of William Kissock, Native of Galloway, Scotland, who departed this life Sept. 17, 1842. 'In Christ we trust and comfort find, For he has ransomed all mankind."

Walter Triplett, first born of William T. and Martha E. Smithson. Died January 13, 1849. Aged 7 weeks and 3 days. "Happy infant, early blest, Rest; in peaceful slumber, rest."

Erected to the memory of John P. Boles, Son of Patrick and Catherine Boles, natives of the Parish of Riverstown, County Sligo, Ireland. Born Aug. 18th. 1849. Died Nov'r. 29th. 1850.

In memory of Francis Boles, Son of Patrick and Catherine Boles, Natives of Riverstown, County, Sligo, Ireland. Born March 27th. 1851. Departed this life January 6, 1852.

Bryan Healy. In memory of his nephew, James Healy, native of Passage West, County Cork, Ireland, Departed this life Sept. 3rd. 1852, Aged 11 years. "May his soul rest in peace."

Erected by the M. E. Sewing Circle of Lynchburg to the memory of Mrs. Laura A. wife of Rev. Wm. A. Smith, D. D. who died in Lynchburg, Va., March 10, 1845. "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Erected by Sarah A. Hare to the memory of her beloved husband, James W. Hare, who died April 19th. 1852, in the 40th year of his age. "May he rest in peace. Thou art gone to the grave. I no longer behold thee nor tread the rough paths of the world by thy side. He gave thee; He took thee and He will restore thee. And death has no sting, for the Saviour has died."

In memory of Jesse L. Perry, who departed this life on the 3rd. day of July 1859 in the 54th. year of his age. "And I heard a voice from Heven saying unto me: Write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

Georgiana Bruce Who departed this life May 7, 1848. Aged 2 years and 3 days.

In memory of George H. Mitchell. Born March 23, 1798, Died Jan'y. 31, 1859. "An honest man; the noblest work of God."

Here lies the body of Mrs. Nancy Fitzgerald, who died on the 18th. of March, 1850, in the 58th. year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of George H. Wedemyer, who departed this life in the 34th. year of his age, leaving an aged mother, two sisters and a brother to mourn his loss. Universally esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. (*Field Note: There is no date on this monument, but it is very old and weather worn and in a section where burials were made prior to 1850*)

In memory of George Smith who departed this life on the 8th. day of November, 1842, Aged 21 years. Also his brother, John Smith, who departed this life July 15th. 1849, aged 33 years. Natives of the County Derry, Ireland.

In memory of George L. Actermull, II, Born in Halifax Township, Dauphin Co., Pa., April 11th, 1817. Died August 25, 1854. Aged 37 years, 4 mos. and 14 days.

In memory of C. M. Lee, who died Oct. 11th, 1851, in the 36th. year of his age. "Peace with you; in heaven we meet."

January 7, 1817. Robert J. Grass, in the 22nd. year of his age. "Blessed be the dead which die in the Lord."

In memory of Richard H. Burks, who departed this life April 30, 1817, Aged 50 years.

In memory of Edward H. Atkinson, who departed this life January 19th. 1853, Aged 35 years. "All is well; why weep for me. I shall meet you once again in the heavenly world above where all is happiness and love."

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Wills Recorded in Edgecombe County, North Carolina Which Refer to Southside Virginia

Abstracted by David Gammon

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Francis Knight 23 June 1808 Aug Ct 1808 Will Book D/324

"...being very weak of body..."

My entire estate is to be kept together during the lifetime of my wife, or until my son Henry Knight is twenty one. Son Henry — Negro Tom when he is of full age. Son Jesse C. Knight — Negro Ned when he is twenty one. Son Jesse Knight — all my lands. Son Henry Knight — $500 as an equivalent for my lands. Remaining estate to be divided between my sons Henry and Jesse, and the court shall appoint the proper persons to make such divisions at Jesse's coming of age. If both Henry and Jesse should die without issue and underage, my Negro Dick shall fall to Betsy Cooper (daughter of Suckey Cooper of Southampton, Virginia), and my Negro Tom shall fall to my Daniel Knight (son of my brother Lewis Knight), and my Negro Silvey shall fall to Sarah Howard now living in my house, and my Negro Pat shall fall to the children of Rebecca Mayo (wife of Linenton Mayo), and my lands and all other property shall fall to my brothers Charles and John Knight.

Ex. son Henry, brother Charles
Wit. Nathan Mayo, Sarah (X) Howard

James Gray 4 May 1797 Aug Ct 1797 Will Book D/35

"I came empty handed into this world and empty handed I quit it, brought nothing into this world yet it is certain I can carry nothing out of it..."

Nephew James Gray of Southampton County in Virginia — Negroes Luke (Luce?). and Harry. Kinsman Charles Gray of Edgecombe County — Negroes Abram and Solomon and the rest of my estate.

Ex. kinsman Lamon Ruffin
Wit. John G. Davidson, William Davidson

Robert Gray 18 Feb 1781 Aug Ct 1781 Will Book B/64

Son Etheldred Gray, alias Nicholson — my plantation which I purchased of William Lassiter on the north side of Tar River, also two other tracts which my son Simon Gray gave me by his last will and testament, one lying in Edgecombe and the other in Pitt County, also Negroes Jack, Jacob, Tom, Peter, Daniel, Alexander, Stephen, Guy, Sue, Janey, Agnes, Cate, Mima, Sarah, Rachel, Nany and Lewis. Son Etheldred — all utensils on the plantation where my son Simon died. Wife Mary Gray — Negro Isbel, my silver watch, shoe and knee band buckles, also the labor of Negroes Pompy, Aaron, Sam, David, Nat and Amy, and at her death these slaves shall be divided as follows: to my son Etheldred — David; to my daughter Hannah Haywood — Pompy, Nat and Amy, and to my daughter Mary Jeffreys — Aaron and Sam. Daughter Hannah Haywood — Negroes Nat, Moses, Titus, Marget, Winney, Abel, Jesse, Little Jack, Little Janey and Judith. Daughter Mary Jeffreys — Negroes Jeffrey, Anaca, Philip, Mitter, Tiller, Roger, Lyddia, Isaac, Ben, Little Jeffrey and Moll Grandson Etheldred Gray — all my lands in Virginia on the north side of Blackwater Swamp in Surry County. Remaining estate to be divided between my wife, son Etheldred and daughters Hannah and Mary.

Ex. son Etheldred, son-in-law William Jeffreys
Wit. Aquilla Cohoon, John Sikes, Joel Briggs

Daniel Gwin 6 Sep 1795 Aug Ct 1796 Will Book D/6

"...being weak in body..."

Wife Elizebeth — lend all my goods for her lifetime and at her death the following: daughter Susanna Proctor — cow and calf. Son William Gwin — 75 acres in Nansimon County in Virginia, being given me by deed of gift which I left in my brother's possession. Son William — 100 acres in the state of Cumberland on Stone's River which I purchased of Lott Maund. Rest of estate to be divided between my son William and my daughter Polly Gwin after my wife's death.

Ex wife, son William
Wit. Drury Stokes, Olive (X) Boazman, Patty (X) Broadstreet

John Johnson 31 March 1750 Feb Ct 1752 Secy. of State Papers

"...of St. Andrew's Parish in Brunswick County, Colony of Virginia, Planter"

Son William Johnson — Negroes Jane, Moll and the daughter of Moll, with reversion to his eldest son, if he leaves one, otherwise to his two daughters Martha and Anne. Daughters Amey Mitchell and Anne Jelks — twenty shillings each, for they have already received their shares. Son William Johnson — land where I now live, containing 180 acres, for his lifetime with reversion to his eldest son, but if none to his two daughters.

Ex. son William
Wit. John Carrol, William (X) Holloway, William Moseley

William Pope 15 Jan 1749 Feb Ct 1749 Secy. of State Papers

"...being very sick and weak of body..."

Son Jacob Pope — Negroes Harry, Jenny and Rose. Son West Pope — Negro Dick. Son Stephen Pope, Negro Tomboy. Daughter Julian Newsome — Negroes Hannah and Julian. Grandson William Taylor Negroes Patty and Simon. Son Stephen Pope — plantation where I formerly lived, being in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, also the new survey adjoining the same plantation. Grandson William Pope (son of the said Jacob Pope) — plantation where I now live, but if he leaves no heirs this land shall fall to my grandson Richard Pope (son of the said Jacob Pope). Rest of estate to be divided between my living children JACOB, West, Stephen, Julian and Rebecca.

Ex. son Jacob, son-in-law Joseph Newsom
Wit. Henry West, Joseph Pearse, Arthur (A) Wall, John (X) Jurden

John (X) Battle 22 Jan 1774 Apr Ct 1774 Will Book A/211

"...being weak m body..."

Son William Battle — 140 acres of land on the north side of Swift Creek, being the land I bought of Thomas Floyd, also Negroes Dick, Tiney, Stephen, David, Viney and Frank. Son John Battle — Negroes Joe, Aggey, Ned and Meary, bed. Son James Battle — Negro Patience. Son William Battle — Negroes Sam, Lucy and Jinney, provided he allows my daughter Sarah Battle a sufficient maintenance for life. Daughter Amey Bell — 100 pounds and a bed. Son John Battle — Negro Isaac. Son William — Negroes Reuben and Old Judey, Young Judey, provided he maintains my sister Elizabeth Battle and keeps her free from want. To John Battle (son of my son John) — 145 acres on the south side of the Poplar Swamp in Sussex County, Virginia, also Negro Charles. Grandson Thomas Battle — Negro Abram. Grandson Ephraim Battle — thirty pounds. Son William — my hogs. Remaining estate to be divided among my five children William, James, John, Amey Bell and Sarah Battle.

Ex. son William, friend William Hill
Wit. James Battle, Francis Tompson

John (X) Mobley of Lunenburg Co., VA 31 Aug 1752 May Ct 1753
Secy. of State Papers

"...sick and weak..."

Son Mordeca Mobley — Negro Bess. Son Edward Mobley — Negroes Jack and Rose (Ron?). Son Hamon Mobley — Negro Jenny. Son John Mobley — Negro Charles. Cousin Samuell Mobley (son of Edwd. Mobley) — Negro Dick, but my brother Edward Mobley shall have the use of him during his lifetime. Wife Rachell Mobley — Negroes Moll and Cate for her lifetime with reversion to all my children.

Ex. wife, son Edward
Wit. John (X) Williams, John (X) Ward, Lewis Atkins

Thomas (X) Penney 12 May 1780 Aug Ct 1780 Will Book B/51

"...being infirm in body..."

Wife Mary Penney — lend all my moveable estate during her widowhood. Son Malakiah Penney plantation where I now live and half the land belonging to it. Son John Penney — remaining land with an entry joining the other. My plantation in Norfolk County, Virginia is to be sold and money divided among all my children.

Ex. wife, son John
Wit. Lamentation (X) Oneil, Christian (X) Speir, John Speir

James Harris 10 Jan 1749/50 Feb Ct 1749 Secy. of State Papers

Son James Harris — my plantation where I now live and 100 acres on the east side of Deep Creek. Wife Cheary — my plantation in Southampton County on the east side of Assomusuk (sic). Son James Harris Negro Garony. Son Eli Harris — Negroes Jack, Bess and Stephen. To Mathew Joyner — mare. Three of my mares are to be sold to school my two children. Remaining estate to my wife.

Ex. wife, Mathew Joyner
Wit. William Skinner, John Blunt, John Crumpler

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LOURY, BRIGHT: Seek parents of Samuel B. (Bright) Loury b c1794 Norfolk Co, poss brother of Mary Bright Loury who m Alexander Douglas 1814 Norfolk Co. Wish to exchange info on Loury/Lowry and Bright families in any co. **Sharon Loury, 655 Beaverbrook Ln, Glendora, CA 91740.**

MARTIN: Seek info on Thomas Martin b c1802, m Emily Ellis 1837 Bedford Co, moved to Patrick Co c1843. Was he brother of William Martin (son of Joseph Martin) who m Eleanor Ellis? Also seek info on Ellis family of Bedford Co. **Mrs. Jo Martin, 4965 Hauser Dr, Pfafftown, NC 27040.**

BURGESS, WILLIAMS: Researching Burgess Williams b c1750, prob VA and William Burgess b c1749 VA. Both were Rev soldiers in SC under Samuel Wise. Was Henry Williams b c1780/85 the son of Burgess Williams? Were they from Pr Anne Co? **Sandra Krutilek, 629 Erskine Dr, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-4250.**

CLARKE, PHILLIPS: Seek parents/sibs of Bolling Clarke whose dau Patsy "Martha" m Eddins S. Phillips 1808 Halifax Co. Several descs of Chris. Clarke (1682?-1754) a VA Quarker, were named Bolling. Seek how name Bolling entered line. Also seek parents/sibs of James Phillips (Eddins' father) who d 1803 Pittsylvania Co. Exchange. **David G. Goodwin, 2601 Golden Rain Rd. #5, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.**

MILLNER, NOEL: Williamson Millner m Sally Noel 1792; Thomas Millner m Polly Noel 1810; Nancy Millner m Cornelius Noel 1798. All marriages in Bedford Co. Will exchange on any Millner or Noel. **Taylor Wingfield Millner, 1 Normill Landing, Newport News, VA 23602.**

WARREN: Seek desc/info on Fredrick Warren b c1858, son of Alexander Warren and Margaret F. (Marshall) Anderson; his brothers were William and Alexander J.; Wm & Fredrick lived with John and Nancy Traylor in Richmond

according to 1870 census. **William S. Zdrojewski, 2153 Monument Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-9019.**

JOHNSON, COLLIER, GILLIAM, LOFTIN: Seek info on Moses Johnson and wife Mary Collier; he left will 1763, probated Sussex Co 1763, naming wife, ch: William, Moses, Richard, Lewis, Lucy, Sarah, Mary Gilliam, Ann Gilliam, Martha Gilliam, Elizabeth Loftin, and gr-ch: James, William, David, Ann Gilliam (dau of Burwell Gilliam). **Tom Caldwell, 537 Pennsylvania, San Francisco, CA 94107.**

WRIGHT, BRAME: Seek parents/info on Elizabeth Wright b 1803, m William Brame 1834 in Mecklenburg Co. **James R. Voss, 4505 Iola, Muskogee, OK 74401.**

WALKER: Seek parent/birthplace of Pleasant T. Walker c1800 in VA; m Martha Saunders, dau of Nathaniel B. and Elizabeth Coe Saunders, 1835 in Pittsylvania Co; ch: Ward 1836, Louisa 1838 b in Pittsylvania Co. Family moved to TN between 1840-50. Will exchange TN family info. **John E. Walker, 360 Burr Oak Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.**

BLESSINGTON, DREW, FITZWILLIAM, POWER: Seek southside VA descs. Irish authoress Margaret Blessington (1789-1849), is noted in Ency Britannica. Her father Edmund Power (1767-1837). Also of Sir Edward Drew (1542-1598) and wife Bridget Fitzwilliam. Knighted by Elizabeth I, Edward Drew owned Killerton Manor (today a museum), Devon Co, England. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

HICKS, CLARK, WELLS, CARLISLE, MUZELWHITE, SLEDGE: Did Robert Hicks' (d 1739 Brunswick Co) dau, Elizabeth, m Samuel Clark of Surry and later Brunswick Cos? Samuel b c1680, son of Robert Clark and Anne Wells & had sister Elizabeth m/1 Robert Carlisle, m/2 _?_ Muzelwhite, and sister Mary m Charles Sledge. **Faith G. Flythe, 76 Washington St, Exeter, NH 03833.**

REES/REESE: Seek parent of James Rees, wife Nancy, will probated 1823 Hancock Co, GA, ch: William, David, Patsey Locket, Polly Harwell, James, Joel. Obituary in *Family Visitor of Richmond* 1823 says d in Hancock Co, GA, Capt James Reese, native VA age 84. Son William settled in Putnam Co, GA, wife Amelia Eleanor Beall. **Mrs. S. C. Bear, 6558 Cedar Ave, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.**

MORGAN: Seek proof of parents of John Morgan d 1780 Southampton Co. Also, name of his wife. Was she a Turner, Gray, Foster or Ramsey? He had sons: William, Jarrett and Foster Morgan. **Harold M. DeLorme, Jr, 3603 Monroe St, Columbia, SC 29205.**

Exchange: **CATO.** Seek proof of parents of Green Talbot Cato b 1790 Greensville Co (?). Father believed to be Robert Cato b VA, d 1816 Davidson Co, TN. Seek info about Green's mother and her ances. **Carol Blohm, 602 College Crossing, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.**

CLARK, JOHNSON, MOORMAN: Seek whereabouts of the "great Bible" mentioned in will of Christopher Clark dated 1741 and bequeqthed to his son Bowling. Last known to be in possession of Miss Sue Terrell of Rockcastle Farm, Lynchburg. **Linda Sparks Starr, 2642 Brentwood Dr, Norman, OK 73069-5010.**

Exchange **FIELDING**: Thomas Fielding bought land Brunswick Co (DB-B/127) 1778, in Greenville Co 1787; James Fielding inventory Greenville Co 1783; Edwin and Thomas Fielding 1810 census Greenville Co; Dolly Fielding in 1820 & 1830; John Fielding Brunswick Co 1830 census; Richard Rose of Sussex Co m Mary Fielding c1780. This group came from where? **Mrs. E. D. Baugh, Jr, Box 310, Kenbridge, VA 23944.**

TAYLOR: Seek info on Littleberry Taylor b 1770 Chesterfield Co, m Sarah "Sally" Roper b 1779 Chesterfield Co. Father Samuel Roper m Henretta Clark. Taylors moved Hickman Co, KY. after many ch b in VA. Littlebury mentioned in Samuel Roper's will of 1817. Charles Chasteen Taylor payed taxes Fulton Co, KY 1846. **Colleen Taylor Briner, Rt. 4, Box 3378, Stigler, OK 74462.**

SANDERS, HOLLOWELL, HOLMS, SOUTHINS: Seek documentation that Joel Sanders Sr b c1721 VA, m c1742 in VA to Charity Hollowell is the son of James Sanders and Ann Holms. Joel & Charity d GA, both Quakers. Also seek documentation that Charity Hollowell was dau of Thomas Hollowell and Sarah Southins. **Patricia K. Brown, 2018 Walburg Rd, Burlington, WI 53105.**

WILLIAMS, BUSH: Seek parents/birthplace of Lewis Williams b 1640?, d 1716 Chowan Prect Albemarle Co, NC. His son Anthony b 1670 m Martha Bush, dau of William and Martha Bush of Isle of Wight Co. Bush family also removed to NC. **Mrs. Betty Mathis, 17080 E. Comstock, Linden, CA 95236.**

DAUGHERTY, STAPLES: Seek any info on James and Thomas Daugherty, had grants and deeds in old Lunenberg (Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania) 1748-63. Also seek parents of Thompson Staples who d 1777 Lunenberg and wife Judith's maiden name. **Charles B. Weaver, 2754 Lullington Dr, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.**

SANFORD, JONES: Seek info on descs of Robert Sanford of Mecklenburg Co and wife Ann. Was he the father of Robert Sanford of Granville Co, NC whose w/1 was Ann Jones, dau of Ambrose Jones? **Maxine C. Allen, 4966 LaSierra Ave, Riverside, CA 92505.**

MOORE, MOUNTCASTLE: Seek parents/sibs of Susannah Moore b c1788, said to be cousin of Robt. E. Lee. She m William Mountcastle 1804 in Pr Geo Co, moved to Edgefield Co, SC then to Hawkins Co. TN (Rogersville) c1830. Exchange with other Moore researchers. **Wendy Jacobs, 2327 Horseshoe Dr, Alexandria, LA 71301.**

MITCHELL, COCKE, CRADDOCK: Seek parents of Shatteen Coker Mitchell b 1802 Amelia Co, d 1866 Griffin, GA. Was his father James C. (Cocke) Mitchell d 1802/3 Amelia Co? Son or gr-son of James Mitchell and Ann Cocke, dau of James Powell Cocke? Mother - Mary Ann "Polly" Craddock who m James C. Mitchell 1795 Amelia Co? **Mary Mitchell Clarke, P O Box 166, Fruitland Park, FL 34731.**

Exchange: **FISHER, BARRETT, MARTIN, GREEN, SYDNOR, GUNN, SPAIN, SATCHFIELD, SPAINE, HUDGINGS/HUDGINS, THWEATT, CHOWNING, REAMS.** Seek info on these names for genealogical book. **Doug P. Fisher, Sr, 1804 Stuart Ave, Petersburg, VA 23803-2810.**

MAJOR, CHANDLER, PERRY: Seek marriage/ch info on John Major who m ?_ Chandler or _?_ Perry. Known ch, Sarah and John Perry Major. John Major b c1750 m c1770, moved from VA after 1775. Appears in old Newberry Dist, SC 1800. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662.**

MARSH, TAVNER/TAVERNOR/TAVNAGH/TAVERNAUGHT: Seek info re VA origin/ancestry/marriage of John Marsh, land grant 1757 Craven Co, SC, d 1803 Kershaw Co, SC, wife Ann poss a Taver/Tavernor/Tavnagh/Tavernaught. Had sons John Jr and Tavner; gr-son James, age 90, 1880 SC census states father John Jr came from VA. **U. B. Marsh, 5524 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32311-4120.**

POYTHRESS: Seek info on Polly Poythress of Pr Geo Co, on 1850 (age 72) and 1860 (age 70) census with Thomas T. Leonard and wife Lucy Lee Leonard. Is Polly related to Lee or Leonard family? **Jane Andrews, 1916 Tabby Ln, Altavista, VA 24517.**

LEE: Seek family members of Abel Lee who lived in Lunenburg Co in 1748. He was listed in titheables. Any other records available for that period? **Richard A. Lee, 4950 Patch Road, Orlando, FL 32822-3307.**

SPIERS: Have info back to 1744 with land patent for Henry Spires Pr Geo Co, seek to go further and find parents/ch. Have three up to present. Also seek to go back from Absolom Spiers 1760 in Murfreesboro, NC. **Marian Spiers Lane, 2410 Cranbrook Rd, Richmond, VA 23229-3006.**

McSHAN, CHAMBERS: Seek info on Nehemiah McShan and wife Elizabeth Chambers, listed 1785 Buckingham Co tax list. Ch: Nehemiah, William, John and Celia. **Cindy Thomas, 4317 Plantation Dr, Ft. Worth, TX 76116.**

HARRISON: Seek ancs of William Harrison Pr Geo Co, d 1786 Brunswick, gave son William, property in Brunswick 1773; son d 1786 Northampton, NC. Could the father have been gr-son of the William Harrison of Wayanoak Parish, Pr Geo (Will 1712)? Is bro of Benj Harrison of "Wakefield," Surry, father of Benjamin of Berkeley and Nathaniel of Brandon? **Harrison Black, 45 Willow St, Dover, MA 02030.**

GRANGER, CHILES, RUDD: Seek info on William A. Granger (d by 1850) and wife Ciscelia (1800-1868) and daus: Martha Ann (c1825-1862) m James R. Chiles 1845 Chesterfield Co; Emma Jane (1832-1911) m Thomas Jennings Rudd 1849 Richmond. Emma m bro-in-law 1866 had one child. Will exchnage. **Isabel Lockard, 32 Jamestown Rd, Charleston, SC 29407-7526.**

MARTIN: Seek family/ancs of John Martin of Pittsylvania Co and wife Eleanor. John d c1780. Was he the hatter of Peytonsburg? Was he related to the Gen Joseph Martin family? His dau, Eleanor, supposedly m c1782 to Maj Richard White of VA, NC and TN. Will exchange. **Robert Tipton Nave, 2801 W. Walnut St, Apt 9, Johnson City, TN 37604.**

WEST: Seek parents of Francis West who m Elizabeth Bransford 1753. They were in Chesterfield Co 1754 when son Bransford b. Elizabeth dau of John Bransford and Mary Kingsford. Also exchange: **WEST, CASSELL/CASTLE, EDWARDS, COCKRAN/COCKRAM, BLANCHET** Pr Geo and Amelia Cos. **Lessie C. Thomas, Rt. 6, Box 1284, Sanford, NC 27330.**

WILLIAMS, GREGORY, DAVIS, BOSWELL: Exchange on Williams families Isle of Wight Co late 1600s, later in Lightwood Swamp area of Southampton. Were John and Thomas Williams brothers? Descs of Thomas named Nathan, Joseph, Chaplin, Bly; Patience Williams m Francis Gregory; all in Bertie, Duplin, Onslow areas of NC 1700s. **Dorothy H. Ward, 11030 SW 52nd Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33328-4706.**

ADAMS, WOOD, TURNER: Seek origin with proof John Adams Halifax Co 1752, Rev War veteran, and wife Susan Wood, dau of Robert, Brunswick Co, will probated 1746. Seek info Esther Turner, wife of John Junior (1763-1835), of Gloucester Co. Their dau Sarah m Dr. Currie Barnett of Person Co, NC. **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St., Sumter, SC 29150.**

BARNES, SHIPLEY, DREW, DURKEE, HOWARD: Are there Williamsburg connections? Adam Shipley (1650-1698) and Lois Howard lived Anne Arundel Co, MD. Richard Shipley m 1728 Keturah Barnes. At St Peter's church, Baltimore, Jane Drew m Pearl Durkee Jr 1827 (rector Mr. Breckenridge). **Richard Allen Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92586.**

MAJOR: Seek wife/ch/family of John Major, prob son of George Major who m Elizabeth Iremonger. George's ch: Richard, Francis, Iremonger, Samuel, John and Jane. Samuel moved to Culpeper fought Rev War with his sons John and Josiah, then moved to KY. Richard d unmarried 1751. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

SPOONER: Seek any info on Georganna Spooner who m Jessie Winfred Clark. One of their ch was Joseph (Samuel) Clark b 1873 Lynchburg. **Walter A. Neisz, 553 S. Gladstone Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3134.**

BUTLER, GOODE, SPEARS: Seek info on Jesse and Margaret (Goode) Butler, m 1792 Chesterfield Co. *Virginia Cousins* lists ch: Archer, William and Harriet. Is the William listed the William G. Butler who m Mary (Polly) Spears 1819 Chesterfield Co? Bought land Powhatan Co 1826, in Rankin Co, MS 1834. Correspond and refund postage. **Ellen S. Dorsey, 222 Parker Rd., Nacogdoches, TX 75961.**

GOODSON, WILSON: Seek confirmation that John Goodson (b 1800 Montgomery Co) m Permelia (Wilson?) c1845 is the son of Thomas Goodson, Rev War soldier? Also seek Permelia's parents' names. **Cindy Thomas, 6513 Havenview Ct, Ft. Worth, TX 76132.**

COTTLE(S): Seek info on Cottle(s) of Southside VA. Thomas: quit rents Norfolk 1704 & 1709, will 1712. Tithables Norfolk 1730-1778. John Jennings Cottle b c1765 migrated Jefferson Co, GA by 1799. Josiah in NC 1800, GA 1820. Deliah had will Elbert Co, GA 1810. **John E. Cottle, 1915 Saturn Ct., Bartlesville, OK 74006.**

Exchange: **PAUP/PHAUP, WALKER, WARD**: Seek parents/sibs of John Paup/Phaup who was Meth preacher Southside VA before marrying Sarah Stewart Walker 1790 Brunswick Co. Sarah dau of William Walker and Sarah Ward. John & Sarah ch: John Ward Paup b 1796, Sarah Petite Paup b c1792, both Brunswick Co. **Ellis O. Moore, 984 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803.**

SWANN: Seek info on Catherine Swann (1754-1806) wife of William Mayo, believed dau of Thomas Thompson Swann and Janette Carson Blakely. Powhatan Will Book 1, pg 19 records will of a Thompson Swann dated 1779. It does not mention a dau Catherine. **L. Earl Colley, 321 Wells Ave. E., North Syracuse, NY 13212.**

IRBY, USSERY: Seek parents of Susannah D. Irby b c1780 VA, m Pleasant Ussery 1810 Lbg, VA. Susannah d Cannon Co, TN as Pleasant was living in household of Osborn L. Burnett 1850. P)leasant son of John and Elizabeth of Montgomery Co, TN; d 1860 Tippah Co, MS. **Helen Sain Hazelton, 524 Ridgeway, Bolivar, TN 38008.**

GEORGE: Seek parents/burial place/info on William George who d 1770 Charlotte Co. Somehow related to Lazarus, Benjamin, Enoch George, son & gr-son of Nicholas and Mary George, of Lancaster Co. William m Jane _?_ ch: Lucy, David, William Francis, and Richard Dudley George. Any info on Lucy, David, or Jane? **Barbara M. George, 2517 Longview Dr., L.P. Rte., Estes Park, CO 80517.**

DURHAM, MAD(T)KINS/WAD(T)KINS: Thomas Durham witnessed deed 1744 Brunswick Co; appointed surveyor of road Brunswick Co 1748, replaced by Philemon Bowers 1749. Did he die and did widow Mary m a Mad(t)kins or Wad(t)kins? Thomas Durham Madkins b c1728, d Mecklenberg Co 1794, joined

Quakers 1781 at Blackwater MM, Dinwiddie Co. **R. A. Durham, Box 922, Freeport, TX 77541.**

HAMBLETT/HAMLET: Seek parents of William (D?) Hamblett b VA c1788-94, m before 1826 to Sarah (Robeson?) of NC. In Maury Co, TN by 1826-29, in Hickman Co, KY 1850 census. Ch: Mary Ann, Elizabeth S., Sarah J., Martha Robeson and Littleberry. Was William D. Hamblett from Halifax Co? Correspond Hamlet/Hamblett researchers. **Arlina Cole Moss, 110 Harvey St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.**

HEATH, TIDMARSH/TITMASH: Seek parents/sibs of Abraham Heath d c1810 Pr Geo Co, m Elizabeth. Sally Titmash m Ephraim Heath b 1790 PG Co, son of Abraham. Seek parents/desc Wyatt Titmarsh m Sarah B. Williams 1829, Pamela Titmash m Robert Fewqua 1825, Elizabeth Titmash m Hartwell Grammer 1828, all PG Co. **Mrs. Mary Heath Case, 4710 Lago Di Como Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.**

STINSON: Seek to exchange info with descs of David Stinson b c1745 Albemarle/Buckingham Co, son of Alexander Stinson Sr. He is brother of Alexander, John, Joseph, George and Cary Stinson, Elizabeth Adcock, Joanna Adcock, and Anna Curd. Can exchange info on Alexander and George Stinson. Will reimburse respondent's costs. **Frances L. Stinson, 3536 High Vista Dr., Dallas, TX 75234-7926.**

WRIGHT: Seek parents/gr-parents of Richard Wright b 1778 NC poss Hyde Co. Is believed his father was William Wright b 1725 in Hyde Co, NC. Is believed William's father was John Wright who was b in southern VA. **Mr. Lynn W. Maxwell, 411 Whitehall Cir., Paris, TN 38242-4806.**

BAILEY, DEARDORFF: Seek info/ancs of Sarah Bailey who m Peter Deardorff (Dierdorff, Deardoff) prob in Bedford Co. She d 1874 Putnam Co, WV. Ch: Susanna Marshall; Olivia Markham; Mary Frances Sims; Sarah Ripetto; Terresa Willow Dodd; Charles Henry; Isaac Newton; William Edwin. **Agnes Markham Hilton, Box 158, Pinedale, WY 82941.**

WOMACK, LEDBETTER: Seek parents/sibs/ch of William Womack d 1813 heir of Peyton A. Womack in 1796. Wife Susannah Ledbetter heir of Wood Ledbetter in 1810. All Pr Geo Co. **Irene Marks Rupp, 132 Burroughs Dr., Snyder, NY 14226.**

McCOY/McKAY: Seek info/ancs/descs/sibs of Issac McCoy (McKay) and Edward John McCoy (McKoy) free blacks c1850s. Was Issacs w/1 a Cherokee Indian? Andrew McFadghen m Lula Ruth McCoy both b c1880s. Guss McNeill m Nellie McLean. Towns of Dunn/Steward Creek/Lillington, Harnett Co, NC and Hope Mills/Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC. **Ernest L. Owens, PO Box 330504, Brooklyn, NY 11233-0014.**

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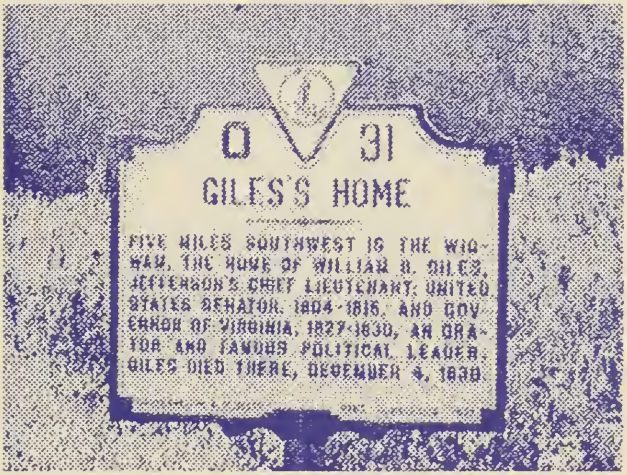

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